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Big gate for State Derby

The largest crowd of the Sydney season is likely to turn up on Sunday — at a State League match.

It will be the "promotion derby" between Croatia and St George, the hot-running unbeaten leaders.

The game, at Edensor Park, just two miles from the Marconi Stadium, could draw a crowd of 8,000 or even more and generate an atmosphere reminiscent of the "good old days."

It's almost certain that the winner of this clash will go on to take out the

NSW title and reinforce any possible claim for a PSL spot — should one become vacant.

And this is becoming more and more a possibility, with Blacktown gradually drifting towards the bottom.

Neither St George nor

Croatia have yet announced firm plans to apply for PSL status.

However, if a vacancy does occur for a NSW team, both would find it terribly difficult to resist the temptation.

• See State League preview inside.

To market, to market to buy a fat pig or whatever comes along

Australian Soccer Federation Marketing has launched a large-scale campaign to round up business.

They are offering various segments of soccer for licensing deals and product endorsement.

ASFM last week released a series of attractive,

produced color brochures, aimed at companies, corporations and business houses.

All the brochures have one page which is identical in all of them.

At the start of this page, the popularity and advantages of soccer are described in glowing terms.



A popular Australian participatory sport!

Traditionally in Australia soccer has been perceived or labelled as very much an ethnic game. Throughout this century immigrants, especially from Europe, have brought with them their love of soccer.

The game was played and supported mainly by ethnic pockets through the country. In recent years however, soccer has gradually caught on with Australians. Soccer is now becoming an Australian game with its own characteristics in some ways slightly different to the way that the game has been developed in Europe and South America. Thus "Australianisation" of the game will be the most significant factor in soccer becoming one of the most popular participant sports in the country.

The national league receives extensive publicity and this reflects the growing strength of the league which is having the effect of building nationwide interest in soccer. This will be even further enhanced by the development and introduction of a national indoor soccer league and an Australian youth soccer league.

Soccer is one of the very few sports, outside the Olympic sports in Australia, which has national teams competing on a regular basis in major world tournaments and events. International awareness of the soccer boom in Australia is growing.

Increasing recognition of this phenomenal growth by the media and corporate sponsors will also bring soccer enthusiasm and appeal to larger and larger crowds over the forthcoming years.

This credo may be questioned by some keen observers in the game.

To claim that the game "was played and supported mainly by ethnic pockets" (???) implies that this is no longer so.

Actually, top soccer has been relying on migrant support since the 1950s—and probably will continue to do so for decades while the "Australianisation" affects mainly the grassroots.

One also wonders whether Philips have made up their mind to sever their ties with the game—or whether they are gently prodded that way.

How else can one interpret a reference to the "national league" in an official brochure?

For a number of years pressmen have been repeatedly chided by the PSL office if they called the League anything but its official name; references to "national league" produced near apoplexy. And now this?

Still, these are minor warts. So is the mispelt heading at the top of the page ("soccer, the sport of the 80's" instead of 80s, as it's clearly meant to be plural and not possessive).

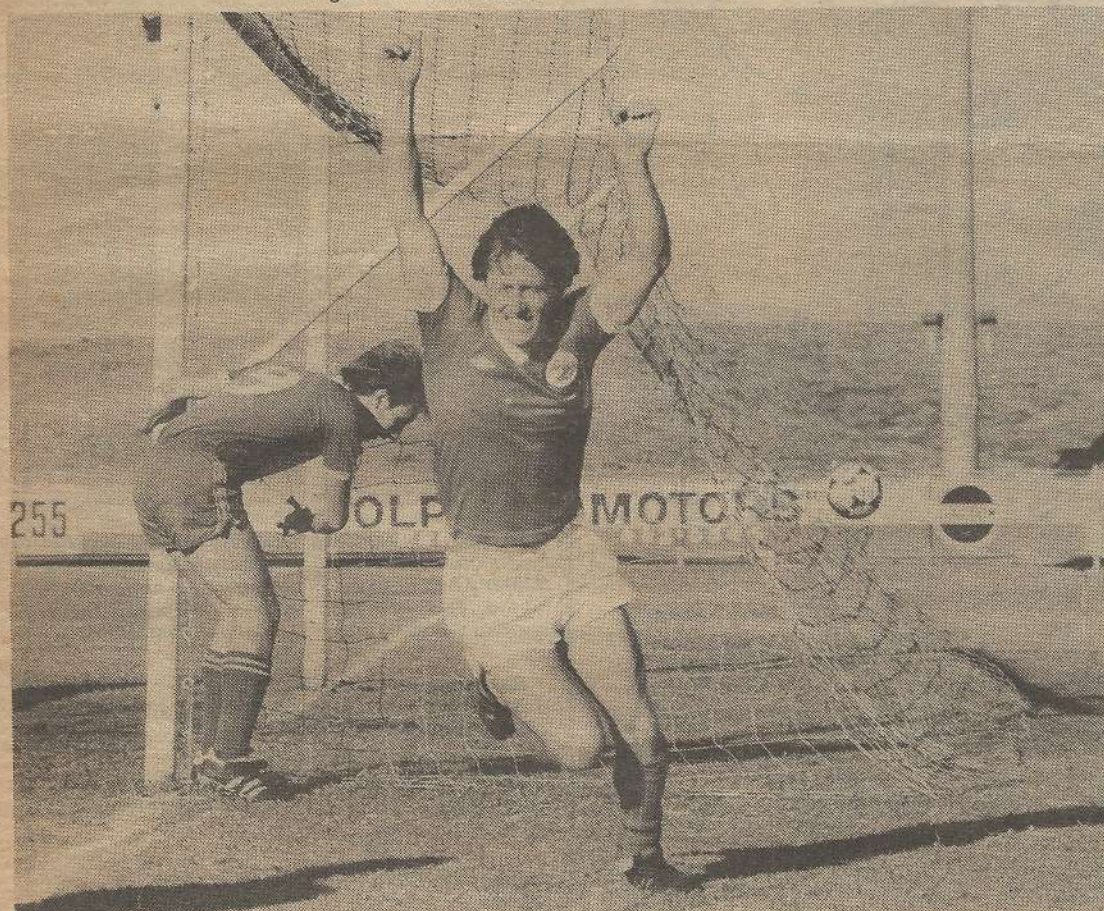
The attractive brochures are certain to be well received by companies looking for sponsorships and endorsement deals.

They can choose from junior soccer to women's and referees.

Anybody interested in details should ring ASF Marketing on 922 5733.



PHILIPS



Saints' Mark Ba. 'ton celebrates his goal last Sunday but his big test will come against Croatia.

Roos swamp Fiji

Australia's slim World Cup hopes have stayed alive following Sunday's 4-1 win against Fiji in Suva.

Everything hinges now on the New Zealand v Fiji match in Auckland in August.

Should New Zealand win, they cannot be overhauled and will win this group.

On the other hand, even a draw would put Australia back in the picture with a chance of catching the Kiwis on goal difference in the remaining matches.

Judging by Sunday's events, it's very hard to see Fiji causing an upset in Auckland — but stranger things have happened in soccer.



The newest Soccerroo, David Mitchell of Adelaide City

ITALIAN CLUBS SPLURGE MILLIONS

Paolo Rossi — still suspended until the middle of 1982 — was the most expensive signing during the Italian off-season.

Rossi changed hands for over \$2,000,000 (3 billion lira).

Graziani's transfer fee was only about \$200,000 less.

This is the list — as of last week — of players bought and sold by the 16 first division Italian clubs.

(Please note that some players joined or left their clubs on free transfer; we have no space to itemise the transfer fees individually.)

Florentina: Signed Graziani, Massaro, Monelli, Pecci, Bartoloni, Cuccureddu, Beni. Sold: Desolati, Di Gennaro, Fattori, Zagano, Mazzari. Deficit: \$4 mill.

Juventus: Signed Rossi, Bonini, Tavola, Virdis. Sold: Cuccureddu, Verza, Storgato. Deficit: \$2.5 million.

Inter Milan: Signed Bagni, Bachlechner, Centi, Serena, Pizzetti. Sold: Muraro, Pancheri, Tempestilli, Medaglia, Marmaglio, Mozzini, Ambu and Caso. Deficit: \$1.2 million.

Napoli: Signed Benedetti, Criscimanni, Palanca. Sold: Marangon, Nicolini, Capone, Marino, Volpecina, Palo, Nuccio. Deficit: \$900,000.

Roma: Signed Cherico, Borelli, Piacenti, Chimellato. Sold: Pini, Santarini, Casatoli, Gentilini. Deficit: \$850,000.

Udinese: Signed Muraro, Orazi, Cattaneo, Pancheri, Gardiman, Leonarduzzi. Sold: Zagone, Sbagossa. Deficit: \$550,000.

Genova: Signed Van der Eycken, C. Gentile, Faccenda. Sold: Lorini, Todesco, Manuelli, Odorizzi. Deficit: \$1.2 million.

Milan: Signed Jordan, Moro. Sold: Vincenzi, Galluzzo, Bolis, Monzani, De Vecchi, Carotti. Deficit: \$500,000.

Cagliari: Signed Ravo. Sold: Tavola, Virdis. Deficit: \$110,000.

Other clubs have come out on top in this frenetic trading.

Cesena: Signed De Falco, Morganti, Peregot. Sold: Bonini. Books balanced.

Como: Signed Albiero, Mirnegge, Todesco, Giuliani, Tempestilli, Solde. Sold: Vierchowodo, Centi, Volpi, Giovanelli. Profit: \$230,000.

Avellino: Signed Chiementi, Tagliaferri, Ferrari, Fachini, Nicolli, Canzi. Sold: Criscimanni, Beruatto, Cattaneo, Galasso, Carnevale, Zerpelloni. Profit: \$280,000.

Bologna: Signed Baldini, Mastalli, Cilona, Tinti, Cavalieri, Pazzagli, Mozzini, Vullo, Pileggi, Garritani. Sold: Bachlechner, Dossena, Perego, Gallo. Profit: \$310,000.

Ascoli: Signed Nicolini, Mandorlini, Brinti, De Ponti, De Vecchi, Carotti. Sold: Moro, Scanziani. Profit: \$420,000.

Catanzaro: Signed Victorino, Santarini, Cascione, Palese. Sold: Palanca, Chimenti, Prazi, Morganti. Profit:



Paolo Rossi, transferred for more than \$2 million.

'Pressing' is the latest strategy...

One of the most widely recognised European coaches is the West German Hennes Weisweiler, now with Cosmos in New York.

Weisweiler — once a senior lecturer at the famous Cologne Sports University (Sporthochschule Köln) on the subject of soccer — is more than a mere coach; he is one of the few deep thinkers in the game.

Analysing modern soccer trends, he holds the view that the majority of successful teams all round the world use the tactical weapon of "forechecking."

This — also known as "pressing" — means that the strikers and midfielders of team "A" try to prevent the defenders or midfielders of team "B" in building up an attack.

Indeed, the moment they lose the ball, they attack the defenders hoping to—

a. win the ball back;

b. creating such pressure that the ball will be given away.

This is especially effective when the defenders are not completely skilled players and, under pressure, can make a simple mistake, such as sloppy backpasses, etc.

Weisweiler admits that this tactical concept was adapted from basketball where every ball is contested even deep in "enemy" territory.

This forechecking or pressing appears to be an ideal weapon and also ensures an attacking approach to the game.

Conversely, if a team allows to be put under such pressure, it will lose the initiative for the rest of the match — or at least while this forechecking can be kept up. "This type of soccer comes naturally for the British players who are aggressive and attack the ball," Weisweiler says.

"The Dutch also use it but perhaps with more fore-thought and with slightly less vehemence."

Weisweiler says the new Brazilian team is a master of this art, mainly due to the faultless positional sense of their players.

"That's how they wiped the floor with Germany in the Mini World Cup in Montevideo," he says.

"I was stunned when I saw that in the final against Uruguay after their equaliser, the Brazilians gave up this forechecking and reinforced their defence."

PRIZE TO ROUS

Sir Stanley Rous, former president of FIFA and an old friend of Australian soccer, has been honored with the Pierre de Coubertin Prize of the International Fair Play Committee.

According to the citation, Sir Stanley "has largely contributed to the worldwide growth of soccer during his presidency and since his retirement."



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- To celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Czech FA, a European XI will play in Prague in August. This is the European squad: Schumacher, Koncilia, Kaltz, Breitner, Schuster, Rummenigge, Pezzey, Prohaska, Krankl, Kipiani, Blochin, Surjak, Stojkovic, Antognoni, Krol Woodcock, Nyilasi, Mavros.
- China wants to engage an Italian for national coach — especially if they reach the World Cup finals in Spain.
- Real Madrid will stage a tournament on September 1-3 in the memory of former president Santiago Bernabeu. Teams to take part are Real, Dinamo Tbiliski, Bayern Munchen and Alkmaar.
- Following a bribe scandal investigation, the players of the Yugoslav Maribor have been told to pay back all their illegal earnings.
- Kurt Welzl, the Austrian international who has been in Holland for the past two years, has been signed by the Spanish Valencia.
- The West German Bundesliga season will kick off on August 8.
- Switzerland and Holland will play a friendly match in Zurich on September 1.
- Pele will work for a Mexican TV company as commentator during the 1982 World Cup finals.
- Morocco, Cameroun, Nigeria and Algeria are still in the running for the two berths in the World Cup finals.
- A novel suggestion in Yugoslavia: Dinamo Zagreb club has proposed that all club managements should be allowed to stay no more than four years at the helm.
- Yugoslav international Ivica Surjak, 28, has signed for the French club Paris St Germain.
- Arsenal star Alan Sunderland last week killed a man and a woman when his car hit them in a street. Police are investigating.
- Brazilian international Reinaldo is bitter over his omission from the national squad. Manager Tele Santana had dropped him following a knife attack on the player by an irate woman. "My private life is my own business," said the gallant Reinaldo.
- Barcelona manager Udo Lattek says that Spain is building a strong enough team to win the 1982 World Cup final.
- Former Manchester City manager Tony Book, after a spell with Cardiff City, has returned to Manchester as technical advisor.
- Leeds' Argentinian striker Alex Sabella, on holiday in Argentina, doesn't want to return to England and could join Velez Sarsfield of Buenos Aires.
- Rotten year for Quini: the Spanish international who earlier this year was held for some six weeks by kidnappers, has suffered a broken leg and will have his leg in plaster till the end of August.
- Eintracht Frankfurt have changed sponsors: in the new season they will carry the name of Infotec on their shirts — the name of a photocopy manufacturer.
- Bayern's utility star Norbert Janzon has been transferred to the relegated Schalke for \$220,000.
- Uruguayan striker Victorino will be the 13th foreigner playing in the Italian first division — he will appear for Catanzaro.
- Glenn Hoddle is the best English player — so says his Tottenham team-mate Ricardo Villa.
- At the age of 37, Ladislao Mazurkiewicz ("The Pole") has been recalled in the national squad of Uruguay. Mazurkiewicz, now with Penarol, was one of the best goalies in the 1966 World Cup then later spent a few years in Mexico. One of the strikers in the squad is Ernesto Varga, also of Penarol, whose parents hail from Hungary.

TAA fly the good sports. It's better to fly with friends.



PREVIEW OF PSL -By Andrew Dettre

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



EMPTY BAG



Cole

Canberra's predicted end-of-season blues have set in firmly; the team which a few weeks ago looked good enough for the title can hardly find 11 fit players to take the field making one wonder whether the enormous blood-letting of the past seven months—Moulis, Milovanovic, Giampaolo, Farrell, Wilson—was well planned.

One thing is certain: they won't have it easy against the well organised and perfectly tuned Brisbane Lions.

Although Brennan will be back in action for the hosts, the rest of the team is not firing at all and the back-up support is almost nil. Our tip: Lions 1-0.

DESPERADOS

Two defeats in their last three games begin to look menacing for Sydney City's title chances and they must be getting desperate to sustain their challenge.

But desperation is nothing new for Blacktown either; one or two more consecutive defeats could easily see them in a doomed position.

With Barnes back on deck the Slickers will have more "steel" in midfield in a match which could be just as tense and ill-tempered as was their first clash a few weeks ago.

Our tip: Sydney City 3-1.



Watson

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNIE...



Former World Cup player (1974 — against West Germany) Ernie Campbell (centre) in action against Bankstown last week. Campbell now plays for St George who are edging close to a quick return to the PSL.

MARATHON TO AELAIDE

Adelaide City players and officials faced a daunting marathon trip back home from board the overnight express train back to Adelaide—arriving there semfinal against West around noon on Monday. Adelaide scheduled for day... Wednesday, the players

were not looking forward to the long and complicated journey. They had to take a flight from Newcastle to Sydney, switch planes to Melbourne and then board the overnight express train back to Adelaide—arriving there semfinal against West around noon on Monday. Adelaide scheduled for day... Wednesday, the players

—Myles Hay

GIANT



J. Nyskohus

If you base your hopes on optimistic calculations, then both Adelaide City and Leichhardt still have some mathematical chance to win the title.

But this is far-fetched, indeed and probably neither camp entertains any serious hopes.

Neither team is convincing and consistent enough to sweep through the rest of their program; in fact, the loser of this tie will finally bow out of the race.

Surprisingly, Justin Fashanu's arrival didn't bring a glut of goals, as expected.

Our tip: 1-1.

MORSELS

The simple yet enormously effective tactics of Brisbane City keeps them high up on the table but this time they will feel the absence of the experienced Dunne at the back.

Newcastle have become a plodding team; always hard to beat but seldom taking the initiative.

Mountford could have some interesting heading duels with Ratcliffe and Heys will again look for whatever morsels are available—but the Brisbane City defence is pretty tight-fisted when it comes to giving away chances.

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-0.



Dando

WALLPASS



Campbell

Zeros, Katholos and Koussas will be all back on Sunday and with them Olympic is a 50 percent stronger team.

But Heidelberg are on the improve especially now that Cole and Paton are again practising their deadly wallpassing and getting the goals.

Its at the back where Heidelberg have some weak points and it will be fascinating to see whether they can resist the likely whirlwind onslaught by the eager Olympians.

Our tip: Olympic 2-1.

NO RELIEF

The Victorians, in fine form, are so much stronger and classier that they could easily run away with this match.

Only a miracle can now save West Adelaide, six points away from the distant Preston and this isn't likely to be the match to bring relief.

Indeed, West Adelaide have managed only three miserable points in their away games so far and that tally is almost certain to stay intact after Sunday.

Our tip: South Melbourne 4-1.



Evans

LET-DOWN?



Brogan

It will be interesting to see if the Marconi sextet experience the usual post-Socceroo let-down when they meet Footscray.

Footscray need a few more points here and there to reach safe harbor but they certainly have the talent to worry the best—when they feel like it.

Marconi's chances depend on proper and regular service to their strikers; the Footscray defence can be rather loose on occasions even though they are likely to play with four fullbacks and one sweeper in Sydney.

Our tip: Marconi 2-1.

STEP

Edging away from the relegation zone, Preston can take a giant step forward if they beat Wollongong.

Ollerton's return to the flock after his two-week suspension will generate extra power and experience at this vital stage of the competition.

Wollongong are not the most adventurous of teams though last Sunday played impressively and brightly against South Melbourne.

However, their goal-shyness is unlikely to be cured this season and against the well organised Preston they will have problems to even create chances, let alone squander them.

Our tip: Preston 1-0.

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TEAM OF ROUND 23

WISHART
(Lions)

CASACCHIA (Leichhardt) **KYRIAKOLEAS** (Footscray) **McMILLAN** (Preston) **AINSWORTH** (Wollongong)

HOGG (Lions) **DUNLEAVY** (Wollongong) **COLE** (Canberra)

COZZELLA (Footscray) **KOSMINA** (Sydney City) **LUJIC** (Footscray)

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Joe Gilroy, Lions: "I am delighted; we won against the best footballing side I've seen in Australia. Lions is slowly but surely building character. To win after being behind twice was a great performance."

• Eddie Thomson, Sydney City: "We should have killed off Lions in the first 45

minutes to the tune of at least five goals. They got a few breaks, came back at us and got the goals that mattered. We didn't deserve to win. I thought the penalty was a harsh decision."

• Newcastle's Ian Buckley had to be carried off in the second half of the match with knee ligament trouble and could be out of action for a few weeks.

• Newcastle are advertising extensively to find a new fulltime coach-manager.

• Justin Fashanu has toe ankle and skin injuries but Adcity officials are hopeful that he will be able to play in Wednesday's Cup semifinal. John Perin will be also back, after his suspension.

• Col Curran, injured Newcastle defender: "It was great to get a full game against Preston after such a long absence but now it looks like another two weeks off before I am fit to resume."

• Ray Baartz, Newcastle: "To fight back and gain a point against such a good team as Adelaide City was a great effort. We certainly tightened our game in the second half and could have actually won both points."

• Roy Drinkwater, having played his 100th PSL match for Newcastle, was presented with a silver tray by Newcastle Lord Mayor Joy Cummings before the match with Adelaide City.

• Sebastian Giam-paolo is back — at least with the Youth team. The brilliant Leichhardt striker came through the game well and seems ready to return to the PSL side.

• George Potter, Brisbane City: "A very pleasing result, especially after Dunne's expulsion. The referee made some bewildering decisions against both teams."

• Rale Rasic, Blacktown: "We can't score goals so we can't win games. It's sad that our crowd gets behind the team only when we're winning."



• Canberra have fears that Terry Byrne may not be able to play again this season, having severe knee problems.

• Strong rumors circulate that Canberra are revising their financial arrangements with players for next season and may eliminate signing on fees altogether.

• Cedo Cirkovic, Footscray, coach has been under pressure from some fans for dropping Belic in favor of Kyriakouleas — and the young Aussie-Greek boy turned out to be the star of the team.

• Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "It was a dreadful match and even the point should not make us happy."

• Wollongong coach Ken Morton's overseas trip at the end of the season is being extended: from Yugoslavia he will also go to Britain to find players.

• Wollongong are going to make a bid for Peter Wilson and Phil O'Connor from Leichhardt when the season is over. Both live down the South Coast.

• Wollongong have been invited to play in the King's Cup in Bangkok — but the club would have to pay the airfares. There is a chance now that through fund-raising activities plus contributions from the players the money needed will be found for the trip.



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	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
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BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	★	1-2	2-2				0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2	0-0		1-0	0-1
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1	2-1	★	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-0	4-0				3-0	2-0	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS	2-1	3-1		1-0	★	1-0	4-0		0-0		2-0	0-1	2-1	1-1	4-3	1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0		★	5-0	1-5	0-1	0-0	2-2			2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0		3-1	★	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2		2-1		1-0	1-1
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	1-2	2-0		2-0		1-1		★			0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	0-3
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MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1		★		1-2	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0		2-1		1-0		2-1	2-1	4-1	1-0	★	2-0		1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB	2-2	4-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0		4-1		0-0	★	4-0	1-2		1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1	3-1	★	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0	1-1		0-2	0-0		1-3	2-0	2-2		2-1	★	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1	1-1	3-2	3-0	1-0		5-0		4-1	2-0	5-4	★	1-0
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Soccer Terms explained:
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Throw-in

When the ball crosses the side touch-line, it is "thrown" back into play by a player from the team opposing that of the player who last touched it. The thrower must face the field of play with both feet on or outside the touch-line, and "throw-in" the ball with both hands from behind and over his head.

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMS

DIVISION TWO

Gladesville H. v. Lane Cove, Sun., Pioneer; North Ryde v. Baulkham Hills, Sun., North Ryde Oval; Bonnyrigg v. Mt. Druitt, Sun., St. Johns; Dee Why v. Liverpool Albions, Sat., Dee Why Oval; Riverstone v. Queens Park, Sat., Schofields Park; Campbelltown City v. Marrickville, Sat., Lynwood; Dee Why v. Riverstone, Sun., Dee Why Oval (postp. game).

DIVISION THREE

West Ryde v. Kingsford, Sun., Waud showgr.; Bondi v. Artamon, Sat., Waverley; Paddington v. Port Hacking, Sun., Campbell Pk.; Padstow v. Wentby, Sun., Walsby; Hurstville Zagreb v. Sydney University, Sun., Ewatt Park; Eastern Creek v. Fairfield Kiev, Sun., Cawarra Park.

DIVISION FOUR

Maroubra v. Eastwood SA, Sat., Coral Sea Park; Ryde v. Chelsea, Sunday, ELS Hall Park; North Rocks v. Fairfield West, Sunday, Murray Farm Res.; Revesby v. Canley Hts., Sunday, Amour Park; Concordia v. West St. George, Sat., Marrickville Oval; West Holroyd v. Winston Hills, Sun., West Guildford; West Holroyd v. Canley Hts., Sat., West Guildford (postp. match); Revesby v. Winston Hills, Sat., Amour Park (postp. match).

DIVISION FIVE

Pagewood v. Macquarie Uni., Sunday, Jellicoe Park; Maccabi v. Haberfield, Sat., Syd. Athl. Field; Hawkesbury v. Camden, Sat., North Richmond Oval; Chullora v. Edensor Park, Sat., Jensen Park; Glenquarie v. Moorebank, Sun., Bensley Rd. School; Auburn Juniors v. Green Valley, Sun., Progress Park.

DIVISION SIX

Blacktown Workers v. Transandinos, Sun., Laybutt Reserve; Parramatta v. Blacktown Wanderers, Sat., Eric Primrose; Liverpool Rangers v. Rangers Hajduk, Sat., Ireland Park; Liverpool City v. Robins, Sun., Ernie Smith Res.; South Sydney v. Liverpool Utd., Sun., Booralee Park; Colo Colo v. Bankstown Sports, Sun., Knight Park.

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	AGGREGATE										HOME										AWAY									
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2. SOUTH MELBOURNE	22	10	10	2	30	20	+10	30		11	8	2	1	17	8	18		11	2	8	1	13	12	12						
3. ADELAIDE CITY	23	11	5	7	37	26	+11	27		12	7	1	4	18	12	15		11	4	4	3	19	14	12						
4. BRISBANE CITY	23	10	7	6	26	17	+9	27		11	8	2	1	18	4	18		12	2	5	5	8	13	9						
5. LEICHHARDT	22	10	7	5	28	24	+4	27		11	6	4	1	16	8	16		11	4	3	4	12	16	11						
6. BRISBANE LIONS	22	8	9	5	30	22	+8	25		12	8	3	1	21	9	19		10	-	6	4	9	13	6						
7. CANBERRA	23	9	7	7	30	23	+7	25		11	4	4	3	18	13	12		12	5	3	4	12	10	13						
8. NEWCASTLE	23	9	6	8	33	31	+2	24		12	4	5	3	21	13	13		10	5	1	5	12	18	11						
9. WOLLONGONG	23	6	12	5	26	22	+4	24		11	3	7	1	16	13	13		10	2	2	6	8	16	6						
10. MARCONI	21	9	4	8	19	28	-9	22		11	6	2	3	14	13	14		12	3	5	4	10	9	11						
11. FOOTSCRAY	23	7	5	11	23	39	-16	19		12	6	4	2	18	12	16		11	1	1	9	5	27	3						
12. HEIDELBERG	21	7	4	10	31	33	-2	18		10	3	2	5	10	12	8		11	4	2	5	21	21	10						
13. OLYMPIC	22	4	10	8	28	31	-3	18		10	2	5	3	13	14	9		12	2	5	5	15	17	9						
14. PRESTON	23	5	7	11	26	35	-9	17		11	4	4	3	17	12	12		12	1	3	8	9	23	5						
15. BLACKTOWN	23	4	7	12	26	36	-10	15		12	3	3	6	15	18	9		11	1	4	6	11	18	6						
16. WEST ADELAIDE	22	4	3	15	20	36	-16	11		10	3	2	5	11	11	8		12	1	1	10	9	25	3						

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Jones

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 18. Fashanu, 22. Przybylski. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

SUNDAY, 2.30pm
OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD

PAST RESULTS

1979: Adel. City v. Leichhardt 0-1.
1980: Adel. City v. Leichhardt 2-0.
1981: Leichhardt v. Adel. City 3-0.

LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Butler, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. Coach: W. Wallace.

REFEREE: C. BAMBRIDGE.
LINESMEN: G. Neal, J. Woodward.



Pullen



Stevenson

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 17. Wooddin, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

SUNDAY, 3pm
MIDDLE PARK

PAST RESULTS

1977: South Melb. v. West Adel. 1-2.
1978: South Melb. v. West Adel. 0-2.
1979: South Melb. v. West Adel. 3-4.
1980: South Melb. v. West Adel. 2-0.
1981: West Adel. v. South Melb. 0-2.

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 4. Lorenzoni, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Koulianos, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 18. Smythe, 19. Kowalski, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jaksa.

REFEREE: D. VOUTSINAS.
LINESMEN: J. Brennan, M. Momont.



McGregor



Murray

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 11. R. Houseman, 12. Cant, 13. M. Houseman, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

SUNDAY, 3pm
SYD. ATHLETIC FIELD

PAST RESULTS

1980: Sydney City v. Blacktown 3-0.
1981: Blacktown v. Sydney City 1-0.

BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarumby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Turner, 17. Jones, 18. Milosevic. Coach: R. Rasic.

REFEREE: K. SMALL
LINESMEN: A. Owens, R. Barton.



O'Donnell



McLaren

CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 21. Hoszowski, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos. Coach: G. Murray.

SUNDAY, 3pm
BRUCE STADIUM

PAST RESULTS

1977: Canberra v. Lions 1-2.
1978: Canberra v. Lions 2-1.
1979: Canberra v. Lions 1-2.
1980: Canberra v. Lions 2-4.
1981: Lions v. Canberra 1-0.

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

REFEREE: R. MEE.
LINESMEN: M. Welch, P. Murphy.



Millman



Dunne

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 18. Vincenzino, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

SUNDAY, 3pm
SPENCER PARK

PAST RESULTS

1978: Brisb. City v. Newcastle 1-2.
1979: Brisb. City v. Newcastle 1-1.
1980: Brisb. City v. Newcastle 1-2.
1981: Newcastle v. Brisbane City 0-2.

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 3. Tredinnick, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. Storey, 18. Cowburn, 19. Stamp, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

REFEREE: C. AMOS.
LINESMEN: G. Nicholson, W. Turkington.



Senkalski



P. Wilson

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meler, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: D. Collins.

SUNDAY, 3pm
PRATTEN PARK

PAST RESULTS

1977: Olympic v. Heidelberg 3-1.
1978: Olympic v. Heidelberg 1-3.
1979: Olympic v. Heidelberg 1-2.
1981: Heidelberg v. Olympic 1-0.

HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozicas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: L. McKendry.

REFEREE: P. RAMPLEY
LINESMEN: A. Rodway, O. Scevak.



Cole



Ollerton

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 17. McCluskey, 18. Boyle, 19. Farrell, 20. Clayton, 21. Wilson. Coach: P. Ollerton.

SUNDAY, 3pm
CONNER RESERVE

PAST RESULTS

Preston v. Wollongong for the first time.
1981: Wollongong v. Preston 2-2.

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: S. MELLINGS.
LINESMEN: D. Fokianos, N. Karlich.



McBreen



Brogan

MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 3. Degney, 4. Henderson, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 15. Calderon, 16. Tomasich, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Bianco.

SUNDAY, 3pm
MARCONI STADIUM

PAST RESULTS

1977: Marconi v. Footscray 1-0.
1978: Marconi v. Footscray 1-2.
1979: Marconi v. Footscray 0-0.
1980: Marconi v. Footscray 2-2.
1981: Footscray v. Marconi 1-2.

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakoulas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 12. Licanin, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter, 20. Verweij. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

REFEREE: R. LORENC
LINESMEN: B. Wilkinson, T. Williams.



Lujic

SCOREBOARD

WOLLONGONG v STH MELBOURNE 1-1 (1-1)

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Vardareff (4)
Fleming (3) De Graaf (3) Bertogna (4) Ainsworth (4)
Adam (3) Dunleavy (4) Tredinnick (3)
Campbell (3) Fontana (4) Lathan (4)
Buljevic (4) Woodin (4) Cummings (4)
Campbell (3) Shirra (4) Stevenson (3)
Nikolaids (3) Xanthopoulos (3) Lutton (4) Bannon (3)
Laumets (4)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Replacement: McBreen (87m) for Campbell.
Goals: 1-0 De Graaf (8m) 1-1 Cummings (40m).
Referee: D. Rennie — Crowd: 5,000.

South Melbourne can consider themselves somewhat lucky to leave Wollongong with a draw.

The Gunners were shot to pieces in the first half which was dominated by the hosts.

Only a bad defensive mistake by the Wolves let the Gunners back on level terms shortly before halftime.

The equaliser seemed to shatter Wollongong's confidence.

The first half saw some of the best attacking football played by Wollongong all season.

Playing with a new found urgency, the tenacious Wolves tore at Melbourne from the kick-off.

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Wollongong's direct approach was rewarded after only eight minutes when De Graaf moved forward and crashed home a rebound.

Wollongong then gained complete control and could have scored from four more chances before the break.

Peter Laumets made a great save from a Peter Tredinnick shot from 25 metres, Glen Fontana hit the post, Shirra cleared an Arno Bertogna header off the line and then Tredinnick missed a sitter.

And all this before South Melbourne scored the equaliser.

A shocking lapse between De Graaf and Bertogna at the back allowed Cummings to score just before half-time.

In the second half South Melbourne defended well while the Wolves played some attractive football without being able to get behind the defense.

Late in the match South Melbourne went on the attack with Cummings, Woodin and Buljevic predominant.

Vardareff had another good match for Wollongong, bringing off a couple of fine saves in the latter stages.

South Melbourne were without the suspended sharpshooter Evans while Davidson and Blair were in Fiji.

It might have been a different story had these men been available but without them South Melbourne's performance was less than inspiring.

Bertie Lutton was recalled into the team after many weeks on the sidelines and had a very good game in the middle of a defence under strong pressure for the larger part of the game.

— Paul Posetti

FOOTSCRAY v CANBERRA 3-1 (2-0)

Footscray (4-3-3)

Boland (4)
Hazabent (4) Kondarios (4) O'Reilly (3) Milne (3)
Kyriakoulas (5) Jovanovic (4) Ilioski (4)
Cozzella (4) Verweij (3) Lujic (4)
Valeri (3) Gibson (4)
R. O'Shea (4) Purdie (3) Cole (5) McLaren (3)
Williams (3) J. Shea (3) M. O'Shea (3) Matsopoulos (4)
Hosowski (4)

Canberra (4-4-2)

Replacement: Massa (46m) for Purdie.
Goals: 1-0 Ilioski (37m pen). 2-0 Kondarios (59m) 3-0 Cozzella (71m) 3-1 R. O'Shea (84m).
Referee: E. Venios — Crowd: 2000 — Cautions: Hazabent, Matsopoulos.

Footscray are laying big plans to update their Schintler Reserve complex with a stand and a social club.

The only proviso is that they must remain in the PSL to go ahead with the project.

After Sunday's crafty win the aim of avoiding the drop is no mere dream.

All this team needs now is to keep its head in the remaining games.

In this match Footscray outplayed Canberra to gain sweet revenge for their heavy first round defeat.

After half an hour of weighing up each other's strength captain Zoki Ilioski opened the scoring from the penalty spot for a foul by Ian

THIN RANKS

Purdie on Jim Milne.

Canberra were without Tony Brennan who was on Soccerroo duty, though didn't play there and without Terry Byrne.

Without them their squad has been reduced to 13 players and coach George Murray was forced to include himself in the teamsheet.

After the game the team also lost Ian Purdie who had passed a late fitness test but seemed to favour a right leg throughout the game.

The match slipped away from the visitors in a spell of pressure near the hour mark.

Igor Hazabent slammed

a shot against the post and Bruno Cozzella was unlucky not to reach the rebound.

However, Footscray increased the lead from the next attack when Zdravko Lujic's cross from the left was headed home by Jim Kondarios.

Bruno Cozzella headed the third in the 71st minute having a second bite at the cherry after his first shot had been blocked.

The goal was the 17-year-old's fifth of the season and he seemed to have notched up the sixth after shooting past Hosowski after running onto a throughball from

Jovanovic.

However, the referee disallowed the goal for an apparent offside.

Canberra's only reply came late in the game when substitute Johan Massa chested down a right wing cross and Rob O'Shea lobbed it over Boland.

The star of the match was undoubtedly Kiri Kyriakoulas, who stood out in defence (actually playing fourth fullback behind them) and tackled fiercely at every opportunity.

— Paul Galea

An easy 4-1

Tony Brennan, back in the Soccerroo squad.

Australia wiped out the memory of their last match defeat with a convincing 4-1 win over Fiji in the World Cup clash at the National Stadium of Suva.

Fiji had beaten Australia 1-0 in 1977 when the two teams last met, but Soccerroo coach Les Scheinflug was determined there would be no repeat of that upset.

Gary Cole led the Australian attack in grabbing two goals and having a hand in the other two.

Cole opened the score in the fourth minute when Peter Katholos fired a drive which Fijian keeper Akuila Ravonoi only managed to parry, and the big Victorian followed through to put the ball away.

Australian captain Murray Barnes was in position ten metres from the goal six minutes later when Cole put pressure on the keeper and he had no trouble slotting in the second.

In the 28th minute, Cole combined with Gary Byrne in a one-two which carried the ball into the Fijian penalty area, where Byrne pulled the ball back to a flying Peter Sharne who smashed it into the net from three metres.

Three minutes later Cole scored the best goal

of the match when he controlled a pass with his back to the keeper, juggled the ball and hit it on the turn past a flat-footed Ravonoi.

Barnes had the ball in two minutes later but Indonesian referee Sudarso disallowed the goal.

Fijian coach Wally Hughes said the Australians dominated the first half and the striking combination of Cole, Sharne and David Mitchell was too strong.

"Australia really meant business today and I have not seen them play so well in the first half hour of a match as they did today," he said.

A momentary lapse in defence allowed Fiji to pick up a consolation goal in the 83rd minute when midfielder Vuilabasa ran on to a loose ball in midfield.

He was allowed to run 15 metres without challenge into the penalty area to easily beat Australian keeper Allan Maher.

Cole was denied his hat-trick two minutes from full-time when he raced around a Fijian defender to score, but the referee disallowed the goal on a linesman's off-side ruling.

Scheinflug was very happy about the team's performance, and had special praise for Cole and defender Alan Niven,

who was making his first appearance for Australia. "We ran the Fijians off their feet in the first half, but they came back in the second session and play became very physical over the closing stages," he said.

"I was not particularly impressed with these tactics, and I thought the referee could have been stricter on some of the rough play," Scheinflug added.

Australia's only casualty was fullback Alan Davidson who received a knock on his knee and was replaced by Robert Wheatley in the 78th minute.

Scheinflug was unhappy about the ball, even though it was approved by the FIFA official at a pre-match conference. He said it was very light and moved almost anywhere in the wind.

Scores: Australia, Cole (4m 31m), Barnes 10m, Sharne 28m; b. Fiji, Vuilabasa (83m). Crowd: 11,000.

Australia: Maher, Davidson, (Wheatley), Niven, Henderson, Blair, Byrne, Barnes, Katholos, Sharne, Cole, Mitchell.

Fiji: Ravonoi, Nakosia, Morrell, Watkins, Choy,

Mohammed, Salim, Sami, Vuilabasa, Manaana, Williams, Ratu.





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NEWCASTLE v ADELAIDE CITY 2-2 (0-2)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Endacott (3) Drinkwater (4) Mason (4) H. Tredionick (4)
Senkalski (4) Sumner (3) Buckley (3)
Heys (3) Mountford (3) Jones (3)

Northcote (3) Fashanu (4) J. Nyskohus (4)
Manou (3) Marocchi (3) Villani (4)
B. Nyskohus (4) Russell (3) Jones (3) Melta (4)
Przybiski (3)

Endacott (3) Drinkwater (4) Mason (4) H. Tredinnick (4)

Adelaide City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Kamasz (50m) for Buckley, Miller (79m) for Manou, Rankin (83m) for Fashanu.

Goals: 0-1 Fashanu (5m) 0-2 Melta (21m) 1-2 Drinkwater (66m) 2-2 Heys (87m).

Referee: D. Nugent — Crowd: 4787 — Cautions: Nil.

A tremendous second half fight-back by Newcastle snatched a point from a sweet-moving Adelaide City.

Despite being down by two goals at halftime, even the gloomiest Newcastle supporter half expected a later change of fortune and goals by Drinkwater and Heys duly levelled the score towards the end.

Still without the experienced Paul Reaney, out injured, and the still semi-fit Col Curran, coach Ray Baartz was forced to experiment with Neil Endacott at right back.

He was one of the Newcastle stars in their initial PSL season but a serious car accident in which he suffered a frac-

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tured skull appeared to have ended his career.

This season he has made a come-back in the Youth side and then was recalled for this match.

After a shaky start he slotted in quite well but like his fellow defenders, was caught after an avalanche of Adelaide City attacks in the opening half hour.

Adelaide's attacking sorties were the best seen at the Sports Centre this season and Norwich City striker Justin Fashanu outwitted his markers to slam home a great cross from Melta after only five minutes. Newcastle fought

back and in a breakaway raid Bugsy Nyskohus was forced to kick clear over his own crossbar to save a threatening situation.

Repeated offside decisions against Mountford switched play back and swarms of Adelaide attackers stormed towards Dando's goal.

The second blow was delivered by Melta: he joined in yet another concerted attack and cracked a fine shot past Dando after only 21 minutes.

Newcastle's David Jones forced his Adelaide namesake to

clear desperately five minutes before halftime, then Jones stared in disbelief a couple of minutes later as his rasping shot struck the underside of the crossbar and bounced outwards.

What more fitting climax to the match than seeing skipper Roy Drinkwater celebrating his 100th PSL match for Newcastle to head in a cross from a Steve Sumner freekick.

LEICHHARDT v PRESTON 1-1 (0-1)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Casacchia (4) Woodhouse (4) Wilson (4) Gray (3) McAusland (3)
Butler (2) Hughes (3) Kafka (2)
Morsello (2) Soper (2) O'Connor (5)

Preston (4-3-3)

Brown (2) Whittle (3) Lucchesi (3)
Farrell (4) Petrovski (3) Flavell (2)
Boyle (3) Beech (4) McMillan (5) Rainey (2)
Wilson (3)

Replacement: Bradley (70m) for Casacchia.

Goals: 0-1 Lucchesi (40m) 1-1 Soper (75m).

Referee: J. Reeves — Crowd: 4,111 — Cautions: Butler, Hughes.

Leichhardt can forget about becoming a top team while their incompetent forward line, with the exception of O'Connor, continues to massacre even the simple chances which come their way.

After this "effort" O'Connor should take his full money plus any money due to the others and run away.

Not that Preston is easy meat for any team. George McMillan at sweeper is literally marshalling his backline into a well organised unit and was well assisted by Steven Beech.

Preston never adopted a negative attitude and were always ready to thrust into attack through Flavell, Petrov-

ski and Whittle.

Leichhardt were in charge for three quarters of the game and yet they squandered everything that came their way and then had to rely on a rather lucky goal to grab a point.

After the early feeling-out period Leichhardt, mainly through O'Connor, began to move forward but Preston could have easily taken an early lead after 15 minutes.

Woodhouse reacted superbly to turn Brown's header onto the crossbar and the ball was scrambled away.

After this Leichhardt

started to go forward consistently.

Morsello, Soper and Kafka had their chances — mainly created by O'Connor — but they failed, often in one-to-one situations.

In the 40th minute Soper set up Morsello who blew the chance.

Straight away, with Leichhardt committed, Preston lurched forward: Farrell sprinted 50 metres, drew Peter Wilson and slipped the ball to Lucchesi who easily converted.

After the interval came what appeared to be an optical illusion: it was a revitalised and

aggressive Leichhardt.

But Richard Wilson in the Preston goal had little to do apart from plucking the ball out of the air or picking up strays that came into his penalty area.

Often it was the final pass that went astray for Leichhardt.

After 75 minutes Leichhardt deservedly pulled level.

O'Connor took a corner on the right, it was headed on by Hughes through a crowd of defenders and Soper, standing no more than a metre from the goal-line, got a foot to the ball and it was 1-1.

Leichhardt's desperate attempts to get the winning goal left their backline exposed.

— Roger Dewick.

BRISBANE LIONS v SYDNEY CITY 4-3 (1-2)

Lions (4-3-3)

Ontong (3) Hermiston (4) Scanlan (3) Bennett (4) Wilson (3)
Hogg (4) McLean (4) Ferris (4)
Low (4) Daunt (3) Williamson (4)

Murray (4) Kosmina (5) Watson (4)
Boden (3) Spanos (4) Patikas (4)
Bruce (3) Robertson (3) O'Connor (3) Cant (3)
Clarke (3)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Ogden (70m) for Daunt, Gomez (83m) for Spanos.
Goals: 0-1. Spanos (6m) 0-2 Kosmina (9m). 1-2 Hermiston (45 m. pen). 2-2 Williamson (47m) 2-3 Kosmina (59m) 3-3 Bennett (68m) 4-3 Low (72m).
Referee: A. Rodway — Crowd: 2275 — Cautions: Boden, Robertson, McLean.

This match can be best described as a boil-over.

Sydney City started off in great style and inside nine minutes had raced away to a two-goal lead.

In the sixth minute Patikas had a great attacking run, finished off by Spanos, who belted home the ball after Scanlan had parried Patikas' shot.

Lions supporters sat back, stunned into silence by the type of soccer played by the visitors.

The second goal was a perfect header by Kosmina, rising high to nod in a Joe Watson cross.

However, Lions held out against a smooth, constantly attacking Sydney City and just before halftime came back.

Williamson broke through and was brought down by the charging Clarke and Hermiston crashed the penalty into the net.

Lions coach Joe Gilroy must have thought long and hard at the halftime break.

Inside two minutes Williamson blasted an angled 20-metre shot that Clarke could only push into the net.

Ferris was now policing Watson and

Daunt was upsetting O'Connor at the back with his height.

Play went back and forth but Sydney City always threatened and it came as no surprise when Kosmina again headed home beautifully a Bruce freekick.

Instead of cooling Lions' aggression, this new setback lifted the hosts to an even higher plane.

It took them only nine minutes for Bennett to connect with a Hermiston freekick to square the game.

Lions changed their attacking pattern by making Ogden overlap

and inside three minutes this paid off.

The sub accelerated on to a long Ferris pass and crossed hard from the byline.

The ball fell to young Low 18 metres out and he showed great composure in pulling the ball down and crashing it past Clarke.

Although Sydney City were still playing their brand of magic, Lions couldn't be denied and they went on to beat the PSL leaders in their second consecutive home games.

— Jim Binnie

BLACKTOWN v BRISBANE CITY 1-2 (1-1)

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Rasmussen (3) Djordjevic (3) James (3) Pointer (3) O'Donnell (3)
Turner (3) Culina (3) Selva (3)
Krstic (3) Jones (3) Burrows (3)

Gaffney (3) Kelso (3) P. Wilkinson (4)
B. Wilkinson (3) Pimblett (3) McVeigh (4) Hamilton (4)
Ratcliffe (4) Dunne (1) Perry (3)
Wishart (5)

Brisbane City (4-4-2)

Replacements: Conner (61m) for Gaffney, Cuk (68m) for Jones, Caldwell (85m) for Kelso.

Goals: Kelso (32m) 1-1 O'Donnell (44m, pen.) 1-2 Conner (79m).

Referee: A. Boskovic — Crowd: 3200 — Cautions: Burrows, B. Wilkinson, Kelso, Jones, Perry. — Sent off: Dunne.

Sensing that Blacktown would throw everything into attack in search of the two vital points, Brisbane City lined up with a cautious 4-4-2.

Barry Wilkinson had his hands full containing Krstic and that left Dunne and Ratcliffe to share Peter Jones.

The four midfielders of City challenged everything that passed over the halfway mark, forcing Blacktown to work very hard to create openings.

The Demons pushed the ball about quite well but became jittery near the penalty area and tended to be too elaborate, thus depriving them-

selves of many real chances.

Meanwhile referee Boskovic caught up with Burrows in the 3rd minute, presenting him with the first yellow card of the day.

Fullback Wilkinson was also unlucky to cop one soon after, both being very harsh decisions.

Jimmy Dunne, playing well at the back, provided the intelligent throughpass in the 32nd minute that led to the first goal: Barry Kelso's one-time shot beat the keeper.

On the stroke of half-

time the Demons equalised from an O'Donnell penalty, after Perry had felled Jones in midfield and the freekick, quickly taken, fell to Burrows who charged for goal only to be tripped by the goalie.

In the second half both defences had many anxious moments.

Brisbane City spent more time in attack and James got a caution for obstruction after he had charged down a shot from Kelso 20 metres outside the penalty area.

In the 69th minute Burrows again burst into the penalty area and was

hotly pursued by Perry who was deemed to have brought down the striker as he was about to shoot.

Perry received a yellow, a red went to Dunne for dissent plus another penalty — which O'Donnell missed, giving Wishart the chance to save.

Out of the blue, in the 79th minute, came the winner: Barry Wilkinson floated a long freekick over the defence and Willie Conner sneaked in at the blind side to sweep the ball into the net.

— Mike Mikolajczyk

THE ONE THAT COUNTS . . .

Sunday produces what most people agree is the match of the day in Sydney soccer, and what some people are billing as the match of the year: Croatia versus St George at King Tomislav.

Most observers freely tip a crowd of 7,000 or 8,000, while an even bigger crowd would not surprise if the weather is fine.

One thing is for sure: people will be dusting off their Gregor's street directories to prepare for the trek out to Edensor Park (not far from Marconi's ground).

Both clubs are quite rightly treating this match as the virtual premier-ship decider. A win or a draw would satisfy St George, while only a win would be good enough for Croatia.

Both teams are unbeaten in the league competition and both are prolific goalscoring machines.

St George have been averaging almost four goals a game (actually 3.7), while Croatia average exactly three a game.

Both sides have some of the best talent in the State League and a fair amount of players who would breeze into most PSL teams — some would even say the national team.

Players like Fraser, Duarte, Davies, Stone, Marton, Kanacki, Marjan, Kovacic, Coleman, M. and H. Silva, Hensman and Czolnowski have been starring for their respective sides consistently.

Croatia president Tony Topic said he was hoping that not only Croatia and St George fans would go to watch the match, but also all soccer fans.

"This will be a special match," he said.

"It is a once a year event — the clash of titans."

"We want all those people who only go to soccer occasionally to come out and watch the match."

"All those many thousands who make a special effort to go and see internationals should realise that this match has just as much — if not more — appeal."

"If we have a crowd of 7,000 or more, the atmosphere would be electric and would provide a great backdrop for the players."

"I can't see either side adopting a defensive policy and so attacking soccer should be plentiful," he said.

In the shadow of that

awesome battle, the rest of the competition will struggle on.

Perhaps the second most important match of the day will be the Melita-Polonia match.

Polonia need a win to try and peg back Sutherland, but Melita will be tough opponents.

The Parramatta-Manly match will be an interesting encounter, for another Manly win would see them move even further up the table, while a Parramatta win would see them do likewise.

Bankstown's wafer

thin chances of avoiding relegation rest on beating Monaro this week, and then winning their remaining four matches while either Avala, Parramatta or Auburn lose.

But they haven't picked easy opponents and Monaro are likely winners.

In other matches, Riverwood meet Canterbury at Hurstville, Sutherland and Auburn battle it out at Seymour Shaw, Avala and North Sydney clash at Knight Park.

Our tips: Riverwood v Canterbury: 2-1; Melita v Polonia: 1-1; Sutherland v Auburn: 2-0; Avala v Nth

Sydney: 1-2; Parramatta v Manly: 2-3; Bankstown v Monaro: 0-2; Croatia v St George: 1-2.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

Group 1	14	15s	16s
Gladesville v Bankstown	1-4	1-0	3-1
St George v Croatia	5-1	2-1	1-0
Black City v Baulkham Hills	1-0	1-1	0-1
Illawarra v Sth & East	1-2	6-1	0-3
Polonia v Melita	1-1	2-0	3-3
Olympic v Leichhardt	0-1	0-0	1-1
Group 2	14s	15s	16s
Nepean v Riverwood	3-1	2-2	1-2
Kuringai v Avala	3-0	0-3	1-1
Central Coast v Blackt. Assoc.	1-2	5-0	1-1
Marconi v Sth Districts	2-1	1-0	1-2
Sutherland v Manly	1-2	2-0	3-2

MANLY'S BIG ROMP

Manly's 5-0 drubbing of Avala, and Bankstown's fighting 1-0 loss to St George stood out as the results of last week's round.

Croatia continued to boost their goal difference with another 5-0 win, this time over Canterbury, while Polonia picked up three points from their two tough games.

Meanwhile Bankstown's fate was virtually sealed when Parramatta picked up an excellent away point against Monaro.

With five games remaining, Bankstown are four points adrift of Avala, who slipped below the Magpies.

Despite the eight cautions, the Manly-Avala match was a fierce encounter, with some excellent soccer from both teams in the opening 15 minutes.

Avala could have had a goal after seven minutes but Karanfilovski's shot was well held by Ellis.

After 22 minutes Manly went to the lead when Stocks cracked home a low shot.

Just before the break Terry Smith got the vital goal when Ahrens failed to gather a cross, and the tall striker allowed the ball to drop at his feet before planting it in the back of the net.

Within 10 minutes of the re-start the match was all over after Jack converted a penalty for a foul on Reagan, and then when Reagan himself drilled in a low cross from close range.

Reagan got his second and Manly's fifth with a header in the 71st to duplicate the score which Manly beat Avala

by in their first round encounter.

Bankstown were expected to defend stoutly against the Saints, but the poor showing of the league leaders was not as predictable.

Rated by some observers as their worst performance this year, it had in some way to do with the tight marking and eager tackling of Bankstown.

But unlike several other occasions this year, Saints weren't chopped: Bankstown's tackling was text book stuff, with Rootsey and Radovac leading the way.

Even so, St George took the lead in the 16th minute through Mark Barton, and it was felt more goals would follow.

But the chances weren't created, as the St George midfield refused to be drawn into combat with Bankstown.

Whether they were afraid to risk injury, with this week's vital Croatia match looming large in their minds, is another matter, but Saints officials and fans will be disappointed an all out effort wasn't made to blitz Bankstown and boost their already handsome goal difference.

The clash between Monaro and Polonia on Saturday was expected to be a close conflict, and in the end the draw seemed the fairest result.

Two brilliant saves by Kalinowski in the opening minutes set the tone for the high quality match.

Monaro grabbed the lead after 18 minutes through their terrier-like striker Ian Heywood when he latched onto a through ball and eluded

the Polonia defence before drilling the ball past Kalinowski.

Five minutes later Polonia were back on level terms when Galas broke down the right flank.

His perfect cross was met by the leaping Lemanczyk who banged in a fierce header.

Monaro were hit unexpectedly when Gerald Crawford put the ball in his own net while trying to pass back to Gino Caputo, but in the second half a penalty for handball was converted by Bobby Noble.

Monaro's Sunday encounter with Parramatta saw them line up with a tired and sore team after the draining Saturday match.

Even so, they took the lead twice, only to be pulled back by the eager Parramatta side.

Most of the match's best action came in the 10th minute of the first half when all four goals fell.

Mauro Valeri, back in the Monaro side after recovering from a broken arm, celebrated his return with a goal after 32 minutes when he placed home an Ally Link pass.

Three minutes later Steve Montgomery netted for Parramatta when he headed in a Jim Herron cross. These two repeated the action and then the match petered out to a tame draw.

Melita had to struggle against a well organised Auburn for their 1-0 win.

Ray Farrugia got the winner after 15 minutes when he converted a penalty for handball after a Terry Jones shot was handled on the line.

John MacDonald was the chief organiser for Auburn, once again doing a sterling job and making life difficult for Melita's midfield.

The Martinez-Allan-Jones forward line failed to penetrate the Auburn defence often enough to cause much damage, but then, the Auburn attack was also well shackled by Melita.

The windy conditions didn't help produce good football, and a jaded and 'flu ridden Melita looked more than happy with the two points at the end of the day.

North Sydney had the better of the first half against Sutherland, but were unable to convert their superiority into goals or even for that matter, goalscoring chances.

Norths had a goal disallowed by referee Brian Fowler early in the first period when it seemed the ball entered the goal via the side netting, and then Sutherland had an almost certain goal prevented when half time was called just as Peter Beggs rounded Katsavelas and was about to push the ball into an empty net.

In the second half Sutherland regained their composure and brought the game under their influence.

After 63 minutes they scored what proved to be the winner with a fine move involving Beggs and Tony Bush was finished off superbly by Steve Meades when he cracked home a low drive.

Croatia demolished Canterbury 5-0 and could have scored another five with a little more concentration.

After only 10 minutes the score was 2-0 when first Kevin Coleman and then Hilton Silva ripped the Canterbury defence apart.

Coleman especially had a fine match and was the midfield dynamo.

Borges made it 3-0 and then 4-0 just before half time, while Bobby Pagano scored the fifth after 75 minutes.

Peter Hensman could have had a brace of goals for himself but muffed several great chances.

Even without Marcos Silva, Croatia's attack looked particularly lethal, and Canterbury just had no reply on the day.

Polonia shrugged off the effects of the Saturday encounter with Monaro to beat Riverwood 3-1 at Chopin Park last Sunday.

Riverwood made more of a match of the clash than the score would show, especially in the second half where the young side fought gamely for an equaliser only to be caught out in the last minute for the third goal.

Polonia scored first in the 6th minute when Stan Lemanczyk got on the end of a freekick to beat Ron Gisbourne.

Another freekick by Anthony Gales after 21 minutes brought the second goal and took Polonia in 2-0 at half time.

In the second period Riverwood started their fightback, and even the sending off of Alan O'Donovan didn't prevent a courageous performance by the replacement-ridden team. Wally Savour got the Riverwood goal after 65 minutes and they put Polonia under tremendous pressure.

But a typical break-away goal in the dying minute hit Riverwood and produced the somewhat unflattering scoreline of 3-1.

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri

In one of the toughest competitions in first division both the top and the bottom of the table were given a shake-up this week with some surprising results.

After the defeat last week and a draw the week before, Kuringai pulled out all stops to defeat Wollongong in a top game of football particularly in the second half.

Wollongong, who did not concede one goal in six matches gave away two in seven minutes after leading most of the way.

In the other match, Fairy Meadow scored the only goal of a tight match to down leaders Yugal and cause a reshuffle at the top.

Three points separate the top four teams with Kuringai and Yugal on equal 33 pts, Wollongong 32 and Fairy Meadow 30.

At the other end three points separate the last six teams after this week's results. Revesby, struggling at the bottom for most of the season continued their surge forward with a 3-1 win over Penrith while Gladesville, Guildford, University and Warringah all drew their games.

Belmore, second last on the table, scored a one-goal win over neighbours North Bankstown and with four games to play, no team is certain of making the four (at the top) or being relegated (at the bottom).

Highlights of this week's matches were:

Yugal v Fairy Meadow 0-1

In an exciting finish to a crowd pleasing game, Fairy Meadow beat Yugal with the second last kick in the game.

With 89 minutes gone and the seconds ticking away, Micky White came out with a great goal to give the Fairies a win and put them back into championship calculations.

Despite the lack of goals there were plenty of thrills and spills and without goalkeeper Berry, Yugal would have gone down with a bigger margin.

The Fairies bottled up Yugal's goalscoring machine Aranyti Rokodera who was well marked. Tony Charnock and Alan Deveney had perhaps their best game this season.

Fairy Meadow: Beck, Hamilton, Southwell, Deveney, Charnock, Tinney, Chilly, Richardson, White, Baker, Gardner. Coach: H. Tinney.

Kuringai v Wollongong 2-1

Kuringai won the battle of the giants with a one goal margin.

Wollongong who all told probably created the most chances, went ahead with the game only three minutes old. Vasco Dafkovski capitalised on a weak back-pass and raced through to score.

The Gongs held the lead until after the interval when fullback Namouski scored an own goal to give Kuringai the equaliser.

With their tails up, Kuringai pressed on and Neil Haines made the break on the right flank sending a perfect cross for Billy Stewart to head home.

Kuringai: Antman, Haines, Robertson, Hammond, Sidney, Magill, Williamson, Gould, Seach, McCranor, Stewart. Coach: H. Noon.

Wollongong: P. Terziowski, Namouski, Talevski, Montecchie, R. Sattin, H. Sattin, J. Terziowski, Petkovski, P. Cualdi, Patkovsk.

Guildford v Blacktown 0-0

Another top performance by Peter Freeman and a hard tackling defence earned Guildford another point which will cer-

tainly come handy at the end of the season.

Guildford played for a point and succeeded particularly as they found Blacktown's sharpshooters way off target.

With a tough schedule of games ahead, Guildford's coach Mal O'Neill is hoping to play in the next few games to help his side out of the relegation threat.

Guildford: Freeman, McGlynn, Allen, Glass, Hunter, Tait (McMahon), Morrison, Miller, Stead, Robinson, Stewart (Mugelwish). Coach: M. O'Neill.

Blacktown: Evans, R. Ramish, Eldridge, Ber, Foster, De Valle, Thompson, Clarke (Murray), Davidson, Taylor, J. Ramish. Coach: D. Zeman.

Penrith v Revesby 1-3

A knee injury kept Greg Byles out of the team, but Revesby still rallied to beat Penrith to continue their climb away from relegation trouble.

It was young Greg Gill's day, playing his best and scoring a hat-trick against the young Penrith side which included seven of last year's third grade side. Gill opened the score early but Penrith came back to score a top goal from 20 metres by fullback Mark Pratt.

That was the end of Penrith as Gill scored another two goals in the second half.

Penrith: Gibson, Pratt, K. Thoms, Hobart, Dunn (Gordon), Smith, Beamer (Timms), Condon, G. Thoms, Anderson, Lewis. Coach: S. Ackerley.

Revesby: Wright, Adams, Larkins, Pittman, Harris, Judd, Sadek, Parkinson, Gill (Anderson), Milford, Mackin. Coach: R. Harbour.

Belmore v Nth Bankstown 1-0

With both sides struggling for points, it was no surprise that both got stuck into each other giving nothing away.

It was a tight game throughout but Gary Billingham managed to get his foot to a pass and score in the first half which was enough to get both points for Belmore.

Norths tried hard to salvage something out of the game after the interval but it was of no avail.

Belmore: J. Hawthorne, G. Palmer, P. Hawthorne, Murray, Martin, Kirwin, Gary Billingham, Cruger, Parkinson, Oughton, Graham Billingham. Coach: O. Klaus.

Nth Bankstown: I. Madden, Parry, Gallagher, Thompson, Kymantas, Buckley, Stevenson, Wileman, Sullivan, Celarc, Muir. Coach: D. Madden.

Warringah v Uni of NSW 2-2

A last minute goal by Joe Szanczyk robbed University of a much needed win.

The teams drew 2-2 with Warringah twice coming from behind to equalise.

Midfielder Stuart Austin opened the score for Uni midway through the first half but Scott Beverley equalised soon after the break.

With 15 minutes to go the experienced John Kelly went through to score giving the Students the lead.

Uni was set for the win when Szanczyk scored seconds before fulltime.

Warringah: Robins, Euers, Collins, Friend, Ainslie, Sturgess, Byrnes, Killie, Beverley, Szanczyk, Pittman. Coach: A. Ainslie.

Uni of NSW: Ridings, Lyons, Erhardt, Graham, Hughes, Austin, Daglis, KELLY, Dowe, Antonoli, Wannan (Burns). Coach: A. Field.



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He's the Referee and got his name because he can't pronounce his r's. He claims he's the best kangaroo weferwee in Australia. He's older and wiser and although very strict, is also very fair. Wef nearly always loses his whistle during a game because he gets so excited he swallows it.





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PHILIPS CUP SEMIS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Adelaide City v. West Adelaide, 8pm, Hindmarsh.
Referee: B. Harwood.
Marconi v. Brisbane Lions, 8pm, Marconi Stadium.
Referee: K. Small.

Both Philips Cup semifinals are scheduled for this week.

However, the Marconi v. Lions match is in grave doubt, because of the possible grounding of all aircraft due to the refuellers' strike.

The local Adelaide 'derby', of course, will go ahead.

If both matches can be staged, Marconi and Adelaide are likely to win their way through to a 'dream final' scheduled to be played towards the end of September in Canberra.

Quite a lot is at stake for all four teams involved in the semifinals.

Adelaide City are the only one of the four teams with a remote chance of winning the PSL title; for Marconi and Lions it would be just a lovely consolation prize to take out the Cup.

Adelaide City are infinitely more compact than their local rivals but a lot will depend on the fatigue of their players following their epic journey back from Newcastle on Sunday — Monday and then on the fitness of Fashanu who carries multiple injuries.

In the Sydney match—if it goes ahead—Cup holders Marconi should start mild favorites.

But only very mild, mind you: six of their players were due back from Fiji only on Wednesday morning.

It makes one wonder whether it was wise and fair to schedule this match for this Wednesday, having known for some time the travel arrangements from Fiji.

STOP PRESS:

The Marconi v. Lyons Philips Cup match has been postponed for one week.



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SPAIN GETTING READY FOR WORLD CUP

FANS CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THE FINALS

ON June 13, 1982, the Finals of the 12th World Cup will begin in Spain. It will be, without doubt, the most important sports event the country has ever staged.

The World Cup does not mean just planning, rebuilding and reconstruction in football terms. The work involved is much greater, touching on the social, political, economic and recreational life of the country.

Spain, on the eve of the 1982 World Cup, is having to employ all its resources at all levels.

One of the major concerns of the Royal Spanish Organising Committee, headed by Sr. Raimundo Saporta, is to make sure the project is viable.

There can be no doubt that Spanish fans will be enthusiastic enough. The country lives for football and this ensures that the matches will be watched by large, knowledgeable crowds. Nevertheless, there are other reasons for the organising committee to be confident of the tournament's success.

Spain is a major tourist country. Each year 39 million people visit the Iberian peninsula, making Spain one of the world's top tourist attractions.

So, in addition to the 10 million fans who regularly watch football in Spain, can be added thousands more who will be drawn by the importance of the tournament, from abroad.

But, to be realistic, there are matters of concern. One can't ignore the repeated statements of Sr. Saporta, saying that the tournament comes to Spain either ten years too soon or ten years too late.



Spanish Organising Committee chairman Raimundo Saporta.

The country is at the moment going through delicate times, a time of political uncertainty.

But it is expected that the situation will stabilise so the World Cup finals can go ahead under normal conditions.

On the football front, the intention is that Spain should be ranked among the favourites. The finals will have such an impact on Spanish fans that, considering

24 teams will be present in Spain, everyone wants to see the national team setting their sights on reaching the final.

To host the finals, the Spanish organisers have chosen 17 stadia in 14 cities — La Coruna, Gijon, Oviedo, Vigo, Zaragoza, Valladolid, Alicante, Bilbao, Elche, Malaga, Valencia, Sevilla, Barcelona and Madrid — with two stadia being used in these last three cities.

As far as stadia redevelopment is concerned, everything is virtually on schedule, particularly with regard to the Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona where work to increase capacity from 90 to 120,000 fans could cost £6.5 million.

The only new stadium will be in Valladolid, while there have been some problems in Vigo. Nevertheless, it's now hoped that everything can go ahead at full steam.

The organising committee anticipated costs of £14 million and the World Cup finances have been a theme of major concern. So far there have been two lotteries and a further valuable source of income has come from a tax on football pools.

The organising committee meet monthly and one of their major objectives is to make sure that everything is heading towards a healthy profit. Apart from the direct football receipts, it's hoped to gain from the manufacture and sales of shirts, souvenirs, coins and many other items promoted by Ibermundial-82.

There will also be a special poster for each city as well as the main poster created by the artist, Joan Miró.

As far as publicity is concerned, detailed planning continues and all dates have been confirmed — with the finals beginning on June 13 in Nou Camp, Barcelona and ending on July 11, in the Estadio Santiago Bernabeu in Madrid.

It's also worth mentioning that the organising committee have elected Juan Antonio Samaranch, recently-elected president of the International Olympic Committee, as an honorary member.

Finally, just to underline the importance of the World Cup to the media... so far 791 journalists representing 532 magazines, newspapers and radio and television in 56 countries receive the regular bulletins issued by the organising committee, as well as 798 journalists from 355 news organisations in Spain.

Now the main task is to maintain the work going on, increase the pace at which it is progressing, and make the 1982 World Cup finals the dramatic, exciting event such a competition demands.

STADIA WORK ON SCHEDULE

WORK is already well underway in all the stadia which will stage matches next year.

In some cases work on rebuilding stands or reconstructing facilities because of media needs has begun this year, but in most cases planning and redeveloping were already well under way.

This is the progress report:

ALICANTE: On the Costa Blanca, June and July temperatures around 25 deg C. Two five-star hotels, 15 four-star, and 60 three-star. Stadium: Rico Perez (30,000 capacity). Rebuilding began in August 1980.

BARCELONA: The country's second city, with 4 million inhabitants. Summer temperatures around 23deg C. Six five-star hotels, 26 four-star and 57 three-star. Stadium: Nou Camp (90,000 capacity now, but rebuilding which began in November 1980 will carry this to 120,000 for the World Cup). Sarria (26,700 capacity). Rebuilding began in July 1980.

BILBAO: The country's most industrialised city. Summer temperatures around 19deg C. One five-star hotel, four four-star and two three star. Stadium: San Mames (41,000). Preparatory work began in January.

ELCHE: 160,000 inhabitants. Two five-star hotels, 15 four-star and 60 three-star. Stadium: Nuevo Estadio (55,000). Work began in June 1980.

GIJON: Excellent sports facilities. Summer temperatures around 19deg C. One five-star hotel, five four-star and four three-star. Stadium: El Molinon (35,000). Work began in December 1980.

LA CORUNA: One hotel of five-stars, two four-star and eight three-star. Summer temperatures around 16deg C. Stadium: Riazor (22,000). Work began in December 1980.

MADRID: Spain's capital, with 15 five-star hotels, 33 four-star and 38 three-star. Summer temperatures around 22deg C. Stadium: Bernabeu (100,000). Work began in August 1980. Calderon (70,000). Work began in January 1981.

MALAGA: Spain's tourist capital, with 11 five-star hotels, 22 four-star and 65 three-star. Temperatures of 23deg C. Stadium: La Rosaleda (32,000). Work began July 1980.

OVIEDO: Temperatures around 17deg C. One five-star hotel, five four-star, and four three-star. Stadium: Carlos Tartere (20,000). Work began July 1980.

SEVILLA: Capital of Andalusia. Temperatures around 23deg C. Two five-star hotels, four four-star and 12 three-star. Stadium: Benito Villamarin (52,000). Work began June 1980. Sanchez Pizjuan (70,000). Work just started.

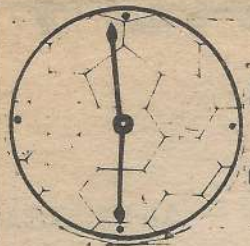
VIGO: Temperatures around 20deg C. One five-star hotel, four of four-star, and six three-star. Stadium: Balaidos (40,000). Problems regarding rebuilding have now been sorted out.

VALLADOLID: Temperatures around 20deg C. Four four-star hotels and two three-star. Stadium: Zorilla (22,000). Work began in October 1980.

ZARAGOZA: Two five-star hotels, five four-star and 10 three-star. Stadium: La Romareda (43,000). Work began in October 1980.



Brasil 1981 — one of the early favourites for next year's World Cup.



2 TO 6

IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

Baulkham Hills (2nd div) surrendered their lead in the competition when beaten 2-1 by Bonnyrigg Eagles on Sunday. The Hills side began confidently and after 20 mins were first to score when Albert Kinsey netted a goal from an unstoppable drive. The Hills then appeared to relax which enabled the visitors to gain control and play some good football. Bonnyrigg eventually scored the equaliser one minute before half time after a scrimmage in front of the Hills goals with a goal from Martin Bazi.

The second half was very even with both teams passing the ball around in a fast open game. The Hills were a little unlucky to have another goal scored against them — again one minute before full time when, from a breakaway, Tony O'Shane took the ball through the defence, put it across the goals for Martin Bazi to take his time and neatly place the ball in the net giving the Hills keeper no chance. It was a day for Bonnyrigg, coming away with 5 out of the 6 points with a 2-6 win in 2nd grade and 3rd grade drawing 2-2 with goals from E. Warda and A. Dirou. Robins (6th div) played Bankstown Sports in a game which Robins won 1-0. Bankstown played with great determination and were unlucky not to have scored on several occasions but, as with both sides, many shots went wide. What looked destined to be a draw was decided in the last five minutes when a shot was misdirected by the Bankstown keeper and was poked into the net by Stewart Tebbutt. Second grade's 4-0 win was not a true indication of the game with many missed chances that should have been put in the back of the net by Robins. Scorers were Sean McCarthy (2) Peter Lucic and Paul Kirkman.

Liverpool Albion (2nd div) eased their relegation threat when they collected a valuable away point against premiership contenders, Marrickville. Liverpool started very slowly and conceded a goal after five minutes when Marrickville capitalised on Albions failure to clear the ball from a corner. However, within 20 mins Liverpool were on level terms when Any Everett intercepted a poor back pass and easily beat the goalkeeper. In the second half Marrickville began to dominate and Liverpool were content to defend on quick counter-attacks to try and score the winning goal. Liverpool defence played soundly throughout the match and were equal to any attack Marrickville mounted. Liverpool's best were Rick Prodane, Steve Bowers and Phil Tarrant. In second grade Jeff Goodall grabbed a late equaliser for Liverpool to share the points and in 3rd grade Marrickville scored 20 seconds before full time to also share the points.

Liverpool City (6th div) played away to Rangers Hajduk last Sunday and came away with 4 points to hold their position as present leaders of the competition. The 20th minute saw the City's first goal when Brian McGovern netted a good header from a corner kick by Craig Hickman. City went further ahead 5 minutes into the second half when Craig Hickman was instrumental in City's second goal, scored by George Schymko. Ten minutes later Craig scored Liverpool's third goal. Hajduk put together some fine attacking moves hitting the crossbar and missing with several chances against a now defensive City, eventually forcing a penalty

which they converted in the 80th minute. Second grade saw a 2-1 win for City with goals from Gary Billingham and Doug Duran with Hajduk scoring their only goal late in the match.

Dee Why (2nd div) took a narrow lead over Baulkham Hills in a close match against Mt Druitt Town at Poppendetta Park last Sunday with a 0-1 win. Dee Why took control early in the second half scoring in the 65th min from a direct freekick by Rod Denton. Mt Druitt applied a lot of attacking pressure but the visitors defence proved too strong with Dee Why failing to score from several chances in the last minutes. A 'just about' deserved victory for Dee Why. Best for the visitors were Greg Harper, sweeper and Steve Dunwell, left back. Ken Malan, ex Manly player took over the coaching position this season for Dee Why with almost a brand new side of players mainly from the Manly Warringah Premier League. A young side, average age around 24 years with several fine under 21's, Alan Dea, midfielder, Greg Harper, Sweeper, Steven White with 12 goals to his credit to date and midfielder Gary Spring.

Chelsea (4th div) played North Rocks in a vital match for a position among the top four. Although Chelsea had the upper hand for most of the time, the final result was 1-2 in favour of the Rocks. Both North Rocks goals came in the first half and were scored by Max Hudson with two soft touches from close range. The first goal came in the 8th min and just before the interval Chris Woods took the ball on the right wing and tackling two defenders he closed in to pass the ball to Max who directed it into the net. Chelsea pressed on with many attacks and came close to scoring many times but the solid Rocks defence and the alertness of the goalkeeper Jimmy Freeman would not give the attackers a scoring chance. With only five minutes to go there was a goal mouth scramble in the Rocks penalty area when Martin King flipped a high ball over the goalkeeper. The ball dropped on the line and softly hit the post and rolled in for a Chelsea goal.

Padstow Park (3rd div) having defeated Port Hacking 0-4 away from home, is still in the run for a position in the semi finals. Gary Crowfoot again scored a hat-trick while Brian Bevan headed in the fourth goal.

Padstow dominated all the time except for a short period in the second half when the ports were able to produce some attacking football. In the 10th min Steve Grieve sent a through ball to Gary Crawford who went on to open the score. After the interval it was Steve again with the ball and when he beat three defenders he passed the ball to Gary who pushed forward to score after defeating the goalie. Ten minutes from the final whistle another through ball helped Gary to score his third to give his side a good 0-4 win.

Artarmon (3rd div) the division leaders is still in one of those periods when nothing goes right. After being defeated 0-3 by Padstow last week, Artarmon went down 1-4 last Sunday and this time when playing at home against Paddington Spanish. Artarmon's only goal came in the second half when the side was 0-2 down and the scorer was Jimmy Bell. The Spanish good fortune came from a tactical move which involved switching Miguel Cabrera to midfield from his usual sweeper position. Michel scored the first goal from a long high shot from the right side of the field. The ball was stopped by the tall goalkeeper before it dropped on the line to roll in for a goal.

Morris Calleja scored the second out of a goalmouth scramble and the third goal was a powerful shot taken by David Jones from inside the penalty area. To seal the fate for Artarmon Miguel Cabrera scored again and this time with a solo effort when tackling two defenders at right he went on to shoot from close range.

West Holroyd (4th div) lost a lot of ground when defeated 0-1 by the division leaders Concordia. Holroyd dropped from second position in the table to the sixth and with a double header to be played next weekend, the side cannot afford to relax if a semi final position is to be secured. Despite the loss West Holroyd played a good game and were unlucky not to score. Concordia scored the winner 20 minutes from time when Ronald Michelin scored with a good shot from an individual effort. The outstanding player in Concordia was the George Filter, the captain of the side.

SCOREBOARD

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

St George	20	2	—	82	8	42
Croatia	19	3	—	66	16	41
Melita	15	4	3	49	16	34
Sutherland	11	4	6	29	18	26
Polonia	10	4	7	29	31	24
Monaro	8	6	8	33	41	22
C'bury	6	6	10	31	45	18
Manly	6	4	11	26	30	16
R'wood	7	2	11	24	38	16
N.Sydney	5	5	12	28	44	15
Auburn	6	1	14	18	42	13
P'matta	5	4	13	22	50	12
Avala	4	4	13	22	50	12
Bankst.	3	2	16	23	48	8

GRADE 2

Croatia	15	4	3	42	20	34
St George	13	6	3	63	21	32
Melita	12	6	4	38	14	30
C'bury	11	4	7	40	23	26
R'wood	10	6	4	31	17	26
Manly	10	8	5	38	22	26
Sutherland	10	4	8	39	24	24
Auburn	7	4	9	24	37	18
N.Sydney	7	4	11	21	47	18
P'matta	5	7	12	25	44	17
Bankst.	6	3	12	25	35	15
Monaro	2	8	12	16	41	12
Polonia	4	4	13	13	37	10
Avala	2	6	13	14	42	10

GRADE 3

Bankst.	14	2	4	55	30	30
Auburn	14	1	4	48	15	29
R'wood	11	5	3	40	19	27
Sutherland	12	2	4	44	18	26
St George	11	—	8	34	24	22
C'bury	9	4	7	39	33	22
Melita	8	6	7	32	29	21
Manly	9	3	7	41	33	21
Croatia	6	5	8	33	46	17
Polonia	5	4	10	21	31	14
N.Syd	2	5	12	17	44	9
P'matta	3	2	14	17	48	8
Avala	1	1	17	15	66	3

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Kuringai	14	5	3	41	15	33
Yugal	14	5	3	48	25	33
Fairy Mdw	14	4	4	48	14	32
Fairy Mdw	12	6	4	43	22	30
Blacktown	12	5	5	34	17	29
Bathurst	8	6	8	25	32	22
Warrington	5	9	8	40	44	19
Penrith	5	7	9	23	36	17
Gladesville	4	8	10	23	32	16
Guildford	4	8	11	19	36	16
N.Banks	5	5	12	24	37	15
Belmore	3	9	9	16	38	15
Revesby	5	4	12	29	41	14
Uni NSW	4	5	12	24	50	13

GRADE 2

Kuringai	13	7	2	49	14	33
Fairy Mdw	13	5	4	48	18	31
Guildford	11	5	6	41	35	27
Gladesville	10	6	6	31	20	26
Penrith	11	4	6	29	22	26
W'gong	11	3	9	40	34	25
Blacktown	9	7	6	28	22	24
Revesby	10	4	7	33	23	24
Yugal	9	5	8	28	26	23
Belmore	7	6	8	21	23	20
N.Banks	8	4	10	29	38	20
Warrington	2	7	13	26	46	11
Uni NSW	4	3	14	25	51	11
Bathurst	—	2	20	7	66	2

GRADE 3

Kuringai	19	1	2	92	16	39
Gladesville	15	5	1	56	18	35
Guildford	12	6	4	43	30	30
Fairy Mdw	13	3	6	43	24	29
Belmore	12	4	5	56	26	28
W'gong	12	4	6	47	30	28
Penrith	8	7	5	21	23	23
Blacktown	9	3	9	30	31	21
Bathurst	7	1	14	34	38	15
N.Banks	4	5	13	19	46	13
Revesby	4	2	15	28	48	10
Yugal	5	—	15	30	69	10
Uni NSW	2	6	13	14	64	10
Warrington	2	3	16	16	78	7

DIVISION 2

GRADE 1

Dee Why	10	4	2	31	12	24
B. Hills	10	3	4	34	18	23
Mville	8	7	2	28	18	23
Mt Druitt	10	2	5	27	12	22
N. Ryde	10	1	6	26	19	21
Campbell	8	2	7	33	24	18
Bonnyrigg	7	4	6	26	28	18
Q'Park	5	3	9	20	30	13
Riverst.	4	3	8	16	30	11
Gladesville	4	3	10	16	38	11
L'pl Alb	2	5	10	17	30	9
Lane Cove	2	5	10	18	33	9

GRADE 2

Mt Dru	12	3	2	46	16	27
N. Ryde	10	6	1	38	16	26
L'pl Alb	7	5	5	22	18	19
Bonnyrigg	6	6	5	27	21	18
C'town	6	6	5	26	24	18
Gladesville	6	5	6	25	28	17
Dee Why	7	2	7	23	21	16
Q'Park	6	3	8	19	26	15
Marrickville	4	4	9	22	27	12
Lane Cove	6	—	11	18	42	12
B. Hills	4	3	10	19	28	11
R'stone	3	5	8	20	34	11

GRADE 3

C'town	12	3	2	47	13	27
B. Hills	12	2	3	53	14	26
Gladesville	12	1	3	49	14	25
L'pl Alb	11	3	4	43	17	25
Mt Druitt	8	5	4	42	33	21
Bonnyrigg	6	3	8	20	36	15
Q'Park	6	1	10	26	44	13
N. Ryde	5	2	10	29	49	12
Lane Cove	2	2	13	13	45	6
R'stone	2	1	13	19	57	5
Dee Why	—	1	15	13	58	1

DIVISION 3

GRADE 1

Artarmon	9	5	3	45	19	23
Kingstford	7	5	3	30	17	21
Wentley	8	4	5	42	24	20
Hurstville	7	5	4	21	24	19
Bondi	7	4	6	26	26	18
East C.	6	6	5	20	25	18
Padstow	7	3	6	25	15	17
Paddi	6	5	6	23	26	17
Syd. Uni	6	2	8	18	22	14
Fairfield	4	4	9	29	36	12
W. Ryde	3	6	8	20	36	12
P. Hack'g	4	1	11	18	47	9

GRADE 2

Eastern C	12	2	3	38	18	26
Bondi	11	3	3	42	17	25
Fairfield	11	3	3	45	24	25
Padstow	10	2	4	43	25	22
K'ford	8	4	5	33	28	20
Artarmon	7	3	7	40	32	17
Wentley	5	5	7	31	32	15
Syd. Uni	5	4	7	23	32	14
Paddington	4	4	9	23	30	12
Hurstville	4	4	8	19	32	12
W. Ryde	3	4	10	18	33	10
P. Hack	—	2	14	14	66	2

DIVISION 4

GRADE 1

Concordia	12	3	2	34	17	27
Fairfield	9	2	6	36	28	20
N. Rocks	9	2	6	30	22	20
W. St Geo	8	3	6	48	39	19
Canley H.	8	3	5	39	38	19
W. Holdr	7	4	5	34	26	18
Chelsea	7	3	7	34	31	17
Winst H.	5	6	5	33	29	16
Revesby	6	4	6	26	25	16
Eastwood	5	2	10	25	37	12
Maroubra	3	5	9	30	44	11
Ryde Dist	2	1	14	17	50	5

GRADE 2

W. St Geo	15	—	2	51	20	30
Fairfield	10	4	3	39	20	24
Concordia	9	5	3	23	16	23
Canley H.	9	4	3	24	13	22
Winston H.	9	2	5	34	21	20
Eastwood	7	4	6	28	22	18
N. Rocks	4	9	4	12	13	17
Chelsea	5	5	7	25	31	15
W. Holdr	3	5	8	9	21	11
Maroubra	2	4	11	17	40	8
Ryde Dist	1	5	11	18	41	7
Revesby	1	3	12	8	30	5

DIVISION 5

GRADE 1

M'bank	8	7	2	40	23	23
G'quarie	10	3	3	49	25	23
Maccabi	8	4	4	24	18	20
P'wood	6	3	7	27	24	15
Hawkesb.	6	3	7	36	35	15
Green V.	6	3	8	24	30	15
Haberfild	4	6	7	29	46	14
Mac.U	4	5	8	42	44	13
Chullora	4	5	7	25	23	13

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



MARIJAN IS ONE THEY HANG ONTO

In 1976, the year before the formation of the Philips League, the foundations for the present Croatia side here laid down by a quietly spoken, but determined coach, Tony Schwarz.

His reign at Croatia had been only for a couple of seasons, and he lasted only until 1977.

But his effects on Croatia's recent successes seem small in comparison to what could be his one lasting achievement — near-thing Marijan Kovacic.

In 1976 when Schwarz was building the young Croatia a few observers started to realise that the core of a good side was being laid down.

In that side there was John Davies (now playing brilliantly with St George), Bobby Russell (now with Adelaide City), Marijan Kovacic, Vladimir Dudaric, Steve Blackburn (now with Riverwood), and Ian Stone (now lost to both State and Philips Soccer in the obscurity of a local competition somewhere in Newcastle).

Of that crop of talented teenagers it looked as if either Stone or Kovacic would 'make it' in the big time.

Davies was considered 'too frail' (how wrong he has since proved the critics) while Blackburn and Dudaric failed to provide consistently good displays.

As for Bobby Russell, his success is a credit to his own determination and ability to adapt.

Ian Stone — often patronisingly referred to as 'the other Stone' in reference to the more illustrious namesake Peter Stone, then of Wests and now of St George — left Croatia to travel to Britain, then returned to teaching in his hometown of Newcastle.

But Kovacic plugged on, and despite frequent lapses of form, he received encouragement and advice from Croatia's succeeding coaches and has developed into what most critics agree is one of the most outstanding players in the State League.

Tony Schwarz said he recognised there were some young players in the Croatia youth teams who could be marvellous players.

"I first saw Marijan playing in the Under 16 team and I was impressed by his skill and sense of position," Tony said, this week.

"At first I brought in some of the younger players to train with the first grade, just to see how they adapted.

"Three youngsters got a chance: Marijan, Tom Basic and Vladimir Dudaric.

"Eventually they all got regular places in the first team, and joined John Davies, Bobby

Russell and Ian Stone. "That was when I felt that the side was taking shape and character," Tony said.

Guided by the older players such as Peter Mullen, Maurice Sullivan and Billy Millen, Croatia started to play some magical football.

They excited their fans and the football purists, but failed to arouse the attention of the majority of the soccer press because they often lost matches through inexperience.

"One of the factors which has allowed Marijan to continue to develop as a fine player, is his burning ambition to succeed," Tony said.

"Ian Stone was equally — as talented, perhaps even more constructive, but his heart wasn't in the right place to keep battling for a first team position," Tony said.

"John Davies is the same as Marijan — that's why he has succeeded despite the injuries," he added.

Tony said he used Marijan as a reserve in several matches in 1976, gradually easing him into the side.

His first full match was against Wests on May 2, 1976 at the age of 19 when Croatia played at the Sydney Athletic Field and won 3-1.

"We were down 1-0 at half time, and as I walked into the dressing room I saw Marijan sitting on a bench with his head between his hands," Tony said.

"I went over and asked him what was wrong and I saw he was weeping.

"I was a little surprised as I thought he had been playing well, so I asked him what was wrong and he told me that one of Wests better known defenders had told him if he touched the ball in the second half he'd get his leg broken," Tony said.

"I just told him to forget it, that by saying that, the player had proven he was having a good game, and I just told him to get on with showing what he could do.

"Three minutes after the break Marijan scored a brilliant diving header and we went on to win 3-1," Tony said.

Story book stuff? Perhaps, but Marijan's career has had something of the fairy tale about it since he arrived in Australia.

He was born in Yugoslavia on August 15, 1957 and arrived with his parents in 1971 when he was 13.

"In Yugoslavia we weren't allowed to play competition football until 16, but we still played pick-up games of course," Marijan said.

"When we arrived in Australia I started playing with the Fairfield Police Boys team and then in 1974 was invited

to join Polonia where I played second grade for half a season, and then moved into the first grade team."

At school he picked up the nickname 'Curly', a monicker that has stuck ever since.

"When I first turned up at the school none of the other kids, apart from the Yugoslav kids, could say my name properly, so my closest friend dreamed up the nickname in reference to my hair.

"Ever since, especially in soccer circles, I've been known as that," he said.

"My first team debut is a match I will long remember, even though we lost 4-1 against Melita in the second division."

Marijan said during the year he was approached by several Croatia officials who suggested he trial with them before the '75 season.

"Rex Foster was the one who suggested the move, and I ended up in the Croatia third grade side," he said.

Marijan said he felt Tony Schwarz had the greatest influence on him in the game.

"I don't want to take anything away from any of the coaches I've had; Atti Abonyi, Luke Fabijanec or Domagoj Kapitanovic," Marijan said.

"But Tony was the one who gave me my first break in the first grade at Croatia — and from then I've never looked back," he said.

Marijan said he remembers his first two matches in the first team: he came on as a substitute against Wollongong and grabbed the equaliser in the 2-2 draw with a header one minute from time.

He wasn't used the following week and the side crashed 5-1 to St George, but he was in the side against Wests in the 3-1 win.

"I thought all my birthdays had come at once," Marijan said.

"Two games and two goals, but especially the first one, was something special.

"However, things soon came back down to earth and I discovered it was a lot of hard work to keep a first grade spot," he added.

Marijan said he felt his natural position was in midfield, rather than in the forward line where he made a name for himself in the first few years with Croatia.

He said he enjoyed the position more than anywhere else.

"You don't depend on anyone as a midfielder," he said.

"The pace of the game, the creativity rests on your shoulders.

"Some players get frightened by that responsibility.

"I love it," he said.



Naturally, he has ambitions about where he would like to see himself playing.

"But I feel that I have some obligations to Croatia.

"They were the first club to give me a chance at the big time and they have treated me very well throughout the time I've been with the club.

"They are a good club and I'd love to play with them in the Philips League where I believe they should be," Marijan said.

"I also have a dream to play for Australia, something that would probably depend on which league I eventually end up in," he said.

Marijan said he had several offers this year from Philips League

clubs but turned each one down.

He said his first aim this year was to help Croatia win another premiership and to get his Graphic Design degree.

"I knew that playing in the Philips League wouldn't enable me to finish my studies properly and I was determined to finish the course," he said.

Players like Marijan, who despite his relative youth are considered the 'old hands' of Croatia, will be needed for the future.

As one official said, there have been massive player changes at Croatia in the past four years, but they know which players to hold on to.

BERRIES AFTER NEW SPIRIT

Canterbury's form has slipped dramatically this year.

A promising start to the season, with a run of seven games unbeaten in trial matches was not followed up in the league and the team has lost all chance of making the top four.

Some officials have claimed that there has been too much domestic politicking, and this has upset the harmony of the club.

Club official Con Tzavellas said he wouldn't say the club was rife with feuds, but things weren't as peaceful as they could be.

"We have to get our house in order during the next few months and prepare ourselves at all levels of the club for the 1982 season," Con said.

"But something has clearly gone wrong somewhere," he added.

Con said there had been mistakes by both management and coaching sides of the soccer team.

"I think all parties involved know what went wrong.

"What we need to do now is sort those problems out.

Canterbury recently appointed a new coach, or rather, re-appointed an old coach.

George Barboutis was called back by the club for the last few rounds of the competition to try and salvage what he could.

George replaces Steve Stojic, who in turn had replaced John Xipolitis.

"Steve resigned when he found that the pressures coming to bear on him were more than he expected," Con said.

"He had coached mainly juniors and lower grade sides before we appointed him, and I think he realised he wasn't cut out for the first team," Con said.

Unfortunately for Canterbury, Steve also left the club, not just the first team, and they will be hard pressed to find another junior coach of his calibre.

George's history has been checkered, both as a player and a coach.

He was with Pan Hellenic for many years as a player, and also with Canterbury.

Towards the end of last year he was called on to take the Canterbury first team coaching role when Rex Foster left the club.

"With seven games to go he took over and possibly it was a mistake not to re-appoint him at the start of the season," Con said.

"He was our second grade coach for most of 1980 and did well with the younger players.

"Then he played three games in the first team when we needed replacements, and then

he took over the reins completely.

"At the start of the year we appointed John Xipolitis and things looked bright enough.

"But somewhere along the line we went astray," Con said.

George meanwhile has done little in the way of coaching since leaving the club at the end of 1980, but looks like keeping the position for 1982.

"He has the right approach to the players and treats them well and manages to keep their respect as well as their friendship," Con said.

"The right approach to the players, to encourage them to give their best, is what we need," Con added.

"If we can get that next year I'm certain the talent will do the rest in the way of results," he said.

IN BRIEF

Inter Monaro goalkeeper Nick Antonopoulos enters hospital this week for a cartilage operation.

Mauro Valeri returned with a vengeance last week to the Monaro side after recovering from a broken arm, scoring both goals in the 2-2 draw with Parramatta.

Manly officials were more than pleased with the 5-0 win against Avala, especially with the performance of Stuart Reagan, scorer of two goals. The result was the same as the score in their first round meeting.

Croatia officials expect Marcos Silva to be in the line-up to face St George this week in the all important top of the table match.

Croatia president Tony Topic has said 10 acres of land adjacent to the Croatia ground will be opened up to the public for parking on Sunday. Officials of the club are expecting a crowd of 7,000 to 8,000 and amenities to cater for the crowd will be provided. Even so, people are invited to go early and be prepared for all contingencies.

Auburn's Dennis Daley had his first run in the first grade for six weeks last Sunday against Melita.



FROM THE PRESS BOX

"What's wrong with Rugby League? Everything"—said the headline in a daily newspaper.

Then, in a long dissertation, the writer tried to explain why RL was losing its public appeal and mentioned a host of trivial 'problems' as the likely causes of the downfall.

This self-flagellation isn't new to us in soccer; we have been asking the same question now for many years.

What surprises me is that neither rugby nor soccer officials seem to understand that there is not much wrong with their game.

It's the people that something is 'wrong' with—the same people who, in previous years, couldn't live without the game but gradually, sometimes painfully, have learned the art of it.

And all that is due to nothing more than altered or refined tastes in a rapidly changing and increasingly affluent, leisure-oriented society.

That's the main—if not only—reason why soccer, rugby, horseracing, trotting, etc. are all losing crowds.

At first all these sports held deep fears that the crowds were deserting them for another sport.

But they should know by now that this isn't the case; people are dropping out as spectators completely.

The primitive, often archaic sporting facilities and mundane presentation 'techniques' are now making Australian sports pay for their fathers' sins.

I do hope the Victorians won't be too smug about this. I am certain that this trend will soon hit their now prosperous VFL, too, unless the good people of Melbourne make up a totally different race, living under vastly different conditions.

To put it bluntly, the average Australian, living in a comfortable home, driving a good car, probably owning a boat or swimming pool, belonging to several social clubs and having spare cash for holidays, travel and weekend outings, must be an absolute fanatic to spend a Sunday afternoon in a primitive 'stadium' watching some football.

All but these fanatics are now vanishing from the sport.

I wish I could convince the ASF executive members that all this has nothing to do with the number of juniors we have and are happily 'stealing' from the hated rugby codes.

We can have a million juniors racing around madly on Saturdays 'playing soccer' and yet the game's spectator appeal will go further down and down.

The two questions are not inter-related at all; 98 percent of today's juniors won't even remember at

age 20 that they ever played soccer, let alone turn themselves into spectators.

The danger in soccer is not that we have problems—but that our 'wise' leaders are simply incapable of recognising them.

The current administrations are guilty of running the game as though we were still in the 1950s catering for down-at-the-heel newly arrived migrants and austerity-trained Aussies.

We have—I am told—some very clever, smart and cunning administrators with brilliant political and business contacts. Perhaps. But we have very, very few intelligent ones, capable of visualising trends against the background of a changing Australian—or Western—society.

If we demand that these people step down and hand over the reins, it shouldn't be only because they cannot run the game's daily household chores; it should be because they lack even modest theories, let alone well defined philosophies needed for the reformation and restructuring of the game.

What we need in the 1980s is something a bit better than 1950 ideas and approaches.

People don't mind paying more and more for top entertainment but they are loath to pay a cent for an inferior product.

They are willing, indeed, happy to fork out \$25 for a good seat at the Opera or to see Evita but will pass up the chance to watch an amateur theatrical society in the suburbs even if that show is free.

And much of our soccer—even the elite Philips League—is often in the amateur theatrical class.

What about ASF Marketing, that strange, almost mysterious organisation?

On the whole, they are envied, hated—and misunderstood.

Their job is to sell soccer as a product to big business; to bring in revenue from marketing, franchising and endorsement rights, possibly obtain sponsorships, negotiate TV deals and some such.

But they are not there to promote the game, to select teams, enlighten coaches and presidents, modernise grounds and sell each individual club to the media—and to their own public.

This remains the duty of all the clubs; there is no deus ex machina syndrome here, a sort of manna from heaven.

If a West Adelaide decides to field, week after tedious week, a team which is constitutionally inadequate; if a Wollongong cannot win a home game only every three months—Marketing can't change all that.

Blacktown are perfectly entitled to call their home ground a 'stadium'—but that quaint cold-comfort venue without a grandstand or even comfortable seats or benches won't become a proper stadium just because of the name, no matter what Marketing does, the same way that the local parish church will not become a cathedral whether a deranged minister calls it that or not.

All reforms and improvements must come from within the clubs; neither the ASF nor the PSL or Marketing can do the trick.

However, if Marketing can be indicted for any alleged 'crime,' it must be on the basis that they have never properly articulated their mission.

To this day the majority of fans hold the totally incorrect view that ASF Marketing's job is to become a baby-minding centre for the 16 PSL clubs.

Actually, Marketing's job is to sell the product, not to manufacture it; if the product remains inferior, they will fail.

And I am surprised, if not dismayed, that Marketing has never bothered to engage a good soccer-minded PR to put their credo in words and spell out towards the clubs and the public just what they have to do and what they DON'T have to perform.

In fact, Marketing's presence, without very lucid guidelines understood by the club managements and memberships, is a sort of handicap for the very reason that certain reforms are foolishly expected from them which clearly fall outside their jurisdiction.

And when things go on stagnating—Marketing cops the abuse.

If soccer is experiencing a season of discontent, if not crisis, only the major clubs can overcome it.

But you see very few signs that the problems are being spotted, analysed and then tackled.

The majority of our leading clubs are run exactly the same way they were run 25 years ago, with well meaning but ineffective and unimaginative committees whose members regard the game as a pleasant diversion, a weekend hobby.

The 'glamor quotient' of the game has remained roughly the same as it was a generation ago—and this is obviously not good enough in an age when myriad forms of top-class entertainment, both public and in the home, are competing for the average man's dollars and leisure hours.

Occasionally one can see a dim ray of hope over the horizon; some grounds are now quite acceptable, a few club administrations are getting gradually streamlined, a few highly qualified coaches do exist.

But these ingredients have to be blended together to produce the type of entertainment the man of the 1980s demands.

If, for example, we had a glamor team, like the 'old Prague' playing scintillating soccer in a comfortable, modern stadium like St. George's and the games were well promoted and publicised, you would again get those elusive crowds of 8,000 and more.

People want to sit in comfort, have an unobstructed view of the pitch, enjoy neat and clean catering facilities and use a car park and then see a truly outstanding team in action—and they are willing to pay \$10 for the pleasure of it all.

If one or more of these ingredients are missing, the magic circle is broken and the experiment fails.

—Andrew Dettre

Journal slams junior apathy

Some district clubs — but not enough — are acutely aware of the wide gulf that divides senior and junior soccers.

Let us quote from the weekly "Soccer Post" published by the Manly-Warringah Soccer Association:

"Do you know the Manly Warringah colours?" I asked one of our aspiring youngsters. "No, I have never seen them play" replied the fourteen year old.

"Hey Jimmy," he yelled out to his mate kicking a ball a little further along, "guy here wants to know the Manly Warringah colours, do you know?"

"Yep, everyone knows, maroon and white", replied Jimmy. "No," I said, "not the League colours, Manly Warringah soccer colours."

"Yes wait a minute, a kid down the street plays rep and he wears blue socks and shorts, he has also got a blue jacket, I bet you it's blue."

Just try the same question in your club, ask a few parents, that have been in your club a couple of years, I am sure you get the same negative answer.

It is a pity, that in this area where we have thousands of kids playing soccer the interest in the game is confined only to the actual club, or perhaps only the team in which people have an interest.

Then, in the same issue:

The personal appearance at Cromer Park of Craig Johnston was a most enjoyable, informative and entertaining afternoon.

Unfortunately not enough of our so called soccer players and coaches bothered to attend. There was no charge for admission, no one selling raffle tickets etc., but once again we have 'APATHY'.

I realise that the majority of players only participate for fun, but surely you have some interest in the game outside of your own little team.

Our Director of Coaching, Dave Percy, put in a lot of time and effort to arrange this day, the Channel 0/28 cameras were there as promised, but I'm afraid we let him down.

This general apathy does not stop here. Our three senior Federation teams would also like to see more local supporters at their games.

At Cromer Park last Sunday, our District Club played Melita Eagles in a State League match.

The e would have been a thousand spectators at the game, a very good gate, but unfortunately, the majority were supporters of the visiting club.

Our team is playing some good soccer, much better than you would see from any of our Premier League teams, but 'no one can be bothered to go and watch them'. As I have said many time before, we are catering for too many players.

If we could cut down our numbers drastically we might start to find our players taking more interest in the game generally.

We are catering now for QUANTITY when we should be catering for QUALITY.

The forthcoming World Youth Cup matches to be played in Sydney should provide the answer as to whether we are interested or not in soccer.

Each club has been issued with a booking form for advanced ticket

purchases.

How many of our 7,000 players have already booked their tickets? I can guess!!

— Ron Beattie

At least, Manly are honest about the problem — which is halfway to solving them.

This, of course, is not an

isolated case; our entire junior set-up needs to be revamped if these hard-working clubs and associations want to achieve more than merely providing a Saturday outlet for the overflow energies of disinterested kids — and even more disinterested parents.

— A.D.

NSW STATE DETAILS

Polonia v Riverwood 3-1 (2-0)

Polonia: Kalinowski, Isherwood, Rylands, Galas, R. Budini, Sookee, Garlowski, Pahor, A. Budini, Lemanczyk, Szobczyk. Riverwood: Gisbourne, Bear-dow, Blackburn, Butcher, O'Donovan (send off) McCrory, Savor, Tracey, Langdon, Rystrand, Kumsaz.

Goals: 1-0 Lemanczyk (6m), 2-0 Galas (21m), 2-1 Savor (65m), 3-1 A. Budini (90m). Referee: H. Witschge; Crowd: 600; Cautions: A. Budini; Sent off: O'Donovan.

Inter Monaro v Polonia 2-2 (1-2)

Monaro: Francis, Crawford, Noble, Santolin, Falzon, Arquero (sent off), Charles, Link, Salgado (Valeri 66m), Heywood.

Polonia: Kalinowski, Isherwood, Rylands, R. Budini, Galas, Sookee, Lemanczyk, Pahor, A. Budini, Szobczyk, Garlowski. Goals: 1-0 Heywood (18m), 1-1 Lemanczyk (23m), 1-2 Crawford (e.g. 32m), 2-2 Noble (75m). Referee: V. Celestino; Crowd: 500; Cautions: Francis, Noble, A. Budini, Garlowski; Sent off: Arquero.

Inter Monaro v Parramatta 2-2 (2-2)

Inter Monaro: Caputo, Francis (Colbaltardo 66m), Crawford, Noble, Santolin, Falzon, Arquero, Link, Valeri, Salgado, Heywood.

Parramatta: Donovan, Fairclough, Biglands, Lackey, Bates, Roughley, McKenzie, Juchniwics, Herron, Montgomery, Brizuela (Roden 70m). Goals: 1-0 Valeri (32m), 1-1 Montgomery (35m), 2-1 Valeri (40m), 2-2 Montgomery (42m).

Referee: P. Murphy; Crowd: 300; Caution: Herron.

St George v Bankstown 1-0 (1-0)

St George: Fraser, Skeen, Terry, Barton, Rylands, MacDonald, Davies, Stone, Walker (Campbell 74m), Kanacki, Marton (Tuntevski 74m).

Bankstown: Patterson, Beveridge, Usher, Radovac, Rootsey, Rea, Lynch, Nocera (Brown 82m), Street, Beater, Fergusson.

Goal: 1-0 Barton (16m). Referee: K. Small; Crowd: 400; Caution: Kanacki.

Auburn v Melita 0-1 (0-1)

Auburn: Bowman, McInerney, Bates, Prgomelja, Sullivan, McDonald, Ogilvie, Bertram, Pondekas, Izatt, Daley.

Melita: Greedy, McCoy, Loxley, Daley, McPherson, Darvill, Cam-

pbell, (Berry 70m), Farrugia, Allan, Martinez (Stoddart 65m), Jones.

Goal: 0-1 Farrugia (PEN, 15m). Referee: P. Rampley; Crowd: 700; Cautions: Pondekas, Farrugia.

Manly v Avala 5-0 (2-0)

Manly: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Emery, Stocks, Riley, Jack, Stuart, Smith, Reagan, Palamarra (Spott 70m).

Avala: Ahrens (Wottin 46m), Brown, Vujovic, Fairclough, Kodor (Pearson 85m), Ruiz, Bateman, Carrizo, Youssef, Lem-bryk, Karanfilovski.

Goals: 1-0 Stocks (22m), 2-0 Smith (41m), 3-0 Jack (pen, 51m), 4-0 Reagan (55m), 5-0 Reagan (71m).

Referee: A. Owens; Crowd: 400; Cautions: Brown, Vujovic, Bateman, Carrizo, Lem-bryk, Karanfilovski, Palamarra, Stocks.

North Sydney v Sutherland 0-1 (0-0)

Norths: Katsavelas, Gibson (Stenning 8m), O'Rourke, Matheson, Rettore, S. Wilson, Lucchesi, Mitchell, T. Wilson, Dale, Morsello (Minuluto 83m).

Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Donnelly, Dal Forno, Watkins, (Murphy 69m), Rogers, Meades, T. Bush, Beggs, P. Bush. Goal: 0-1 Meades (63m).

Referee: B. Fowler; Crowd: 180.

CANTERBURY v CROATIA 0-5 (0-0)

Canterbury: McPherson, G. Brown, Binos (Lane 46m), Barton, Psutoiconomou, Bosganos, Laws, Williams, R. Brown, Basterfield (Bourke 80m), Thamnides.

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Pagano, M. Kovacic, Dobson, Vidalic, H. Silva, Steven, Borges, Coleman, Hensman.

Goals: 0-1 Coleman (3m), 0-2 H. Silva (8m), 0-3 Borges (25m), 0-4 Borges (40m), 0-5 Pagano (75m).

Referee: T. Davies; Crowd: 3,000.



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All applications will be treated in strictest confidence and no details will be discussed or enquiries made without consultation with the applicant.

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